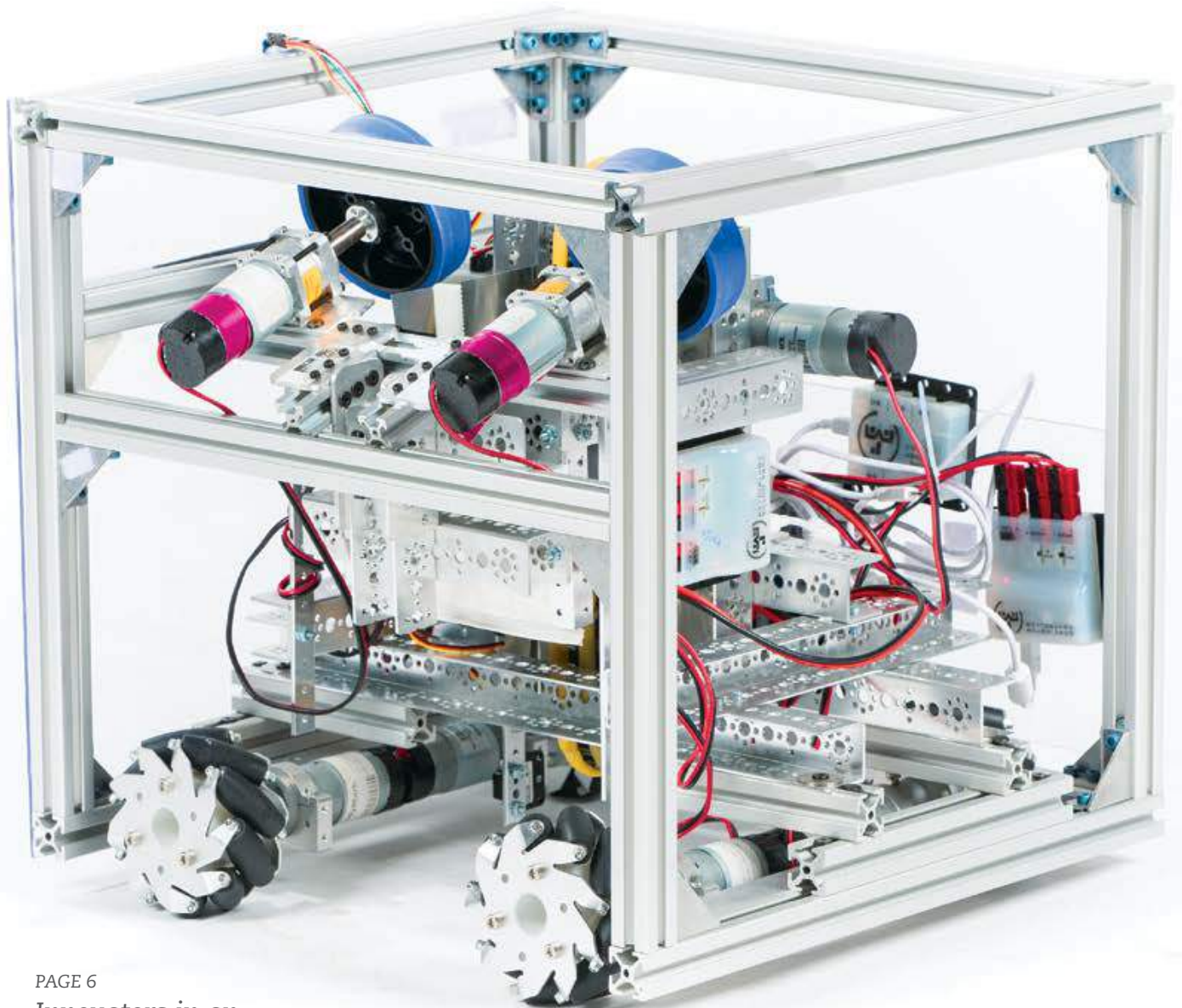


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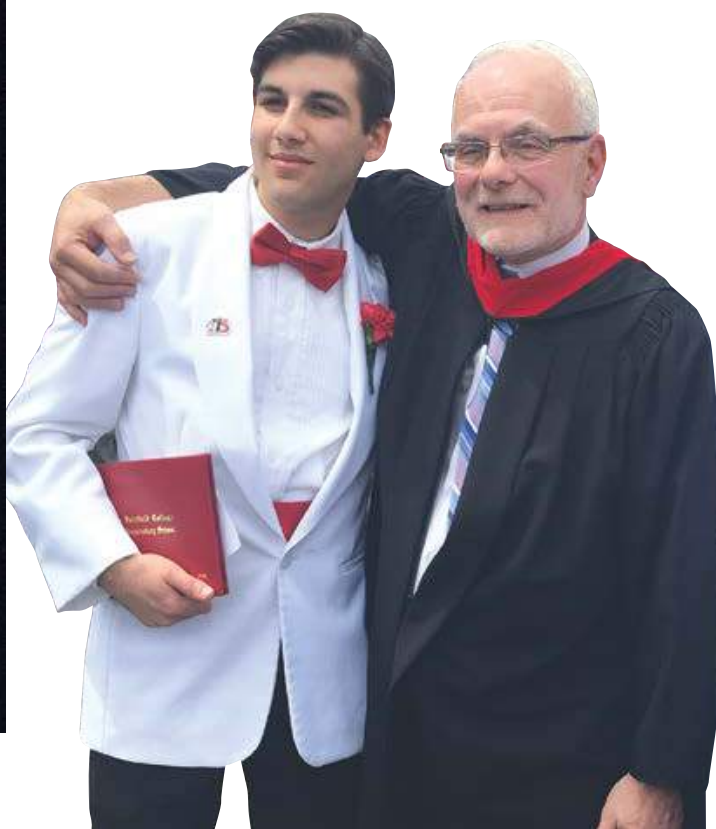


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Fairfield College Preparatory School

2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

- ▶ FOUNDED ON FAITH
- ▶ LEADING TO SERVE
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DEAR FRIENDS,

We celebrate the 75th anniversary of Fairfield College Preparatory School with profound gratitude.

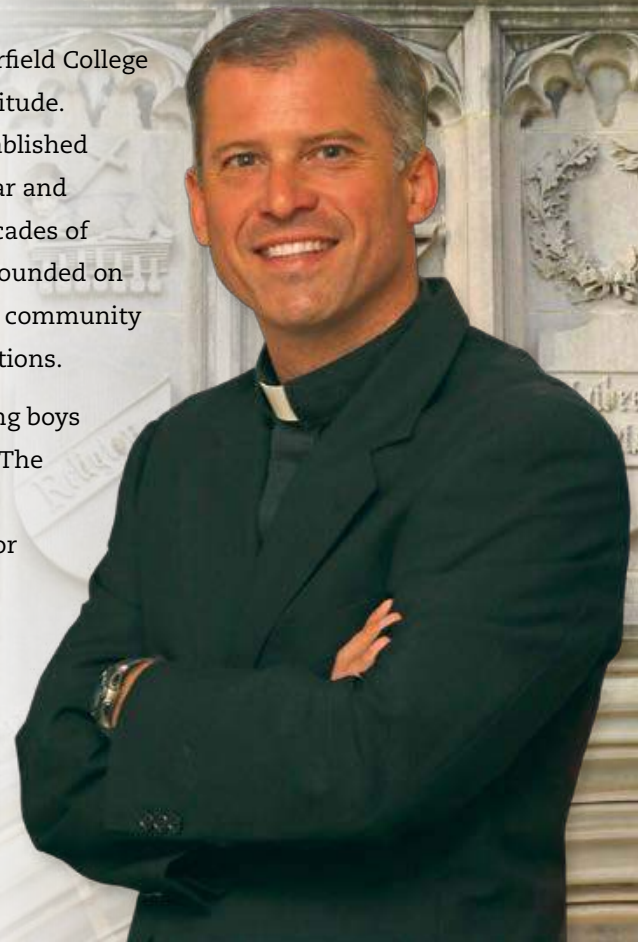
In 1942, a resolute group of Jesuits established this academic endeavor in a world reeling from war and economic crisis. Their courageous vision led to decades of educational success. Our beloved institution was founded on their faith. With equal earnestness, we as a school community carry this Jesuit mission forward for future generations.

Fairfield Prep has a proven tradition of transforming boys into leaders committed to compassionate service. The needs of our world are greater than ever. We now challenge ourselves to think and act with the fervor of our Jesuit founders. We invite you to join us in making this a reality.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!



Fr. Thomas M. Simisky, S.J.
President



OUR PRIORITIES

I. JESUIT MISSION

We will instill Ignatian values in Fairfield Prep students, faculty, staff, and parents to ensure our graduates become leaders of intellectual depth and moral strength.

II. SUSTAINABILITY

We will use resources efficiently and ensure that Jesuit education is available to capable young men from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

III. EXCELLENCE

We will prepare students to excel in international settings where information is the prime currency of exchange across interconnected cultures. Excellence in the tradition of Ignatian humanism demands renewed investment in:

- ▶ Fine Arts
- ▶ Science & Technology
- ▶ Athletics & Intramurals

▶ OUR MISSION

Fairfield College Preparatory School is a Jesuit, Catholic School of excellence forming young men of intellectual competence, who possess the conscience to make wise decisions, a compassion for others, and a commitment to justice in our global society.

▶ OUR VISION

Fairfield College Preparatory School strives to be a reflective community of faith, in which students revere their relationship with God and with one another. We are committed to graduating transformational leaders who will respond to global and ecological challenges in an interconnected world marked by profound change.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE JESUIT MISSION



- ▶ Develop inspiring educators and discerning leaders through the Jesuit Educators Academy.
- ▶ Expand Ignatian parent formation to seamlessly integrate school and home learning environments.
- ▶ Foster global partnerships and grow international engagement through the Jesuit Schools Network.

"Those who are too cautious in matters relating to God seldom do anything great or heroic."

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

IGNATIAN VALUES

Principles rooted in the Gospel message about the goodness of Creation, God's abounding and redeeming love for all persons, and our call to serve humanity in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE SUSTAINABILITY



"The world is charged with the grandeur of God."

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, S.J.

- ▶ Develop a robust marketing plan that drives enrollment in ways consistent with our Jesuit mission and financial goals.
- ▶ Increase the endowment to ensure families from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds flourish together at Fairfield Prep.
- ▶ Raise ecological awareness and efficiently utilize limited resources, so as to reduce operational expenses and become a model for the community.

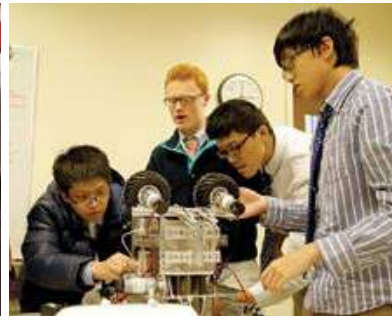
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

POPE FRANCIS

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE EXCELLENCE



- ▶ Expand our offering of college preparatory courses, activities, and counseling support to address 21st century learning outcomes and better care for the whole person (Cura Personalis).
- ▶ Transform existing facilities into advanced academic spaces that meet emerging needs in the sciences, computer programming, robotics, and media.
- ▶ Envision a new campus design that enhances community spirit through a welcoming entrance, full school assembly space, and greatly expanded athletic training and intramural capabilities.

STRIVING FOR GREATNESS

Jesuit education combines Christian humanism with spiritual discernment. We hold a nearly 500 year tradition, proven to help young people thrive, attain fulfillment in their lives, and satisfy a larger search for meaning.

FR. THOMAS M. SIMISKY, S.J.



Our current context is one of increasingly competitive markets, rapidly evolving technologies, and global possibilities. Ignatian spirituality demands an active engagement with this world. The Society of Jesus extended a challenge for Jesuit apostolates like Fairfield Prep:

“In this global world marked by such profound changes, we now want to deepen our understanding of the call to serve faith, promote justice, and dialogue with culture and other religions in light of the apostolic mandate to establish right relationships with God, with one another, and with creation.”

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JesuBots at the Robo Team State Championships



JesuBots in FIRST Tech Challenge competition.

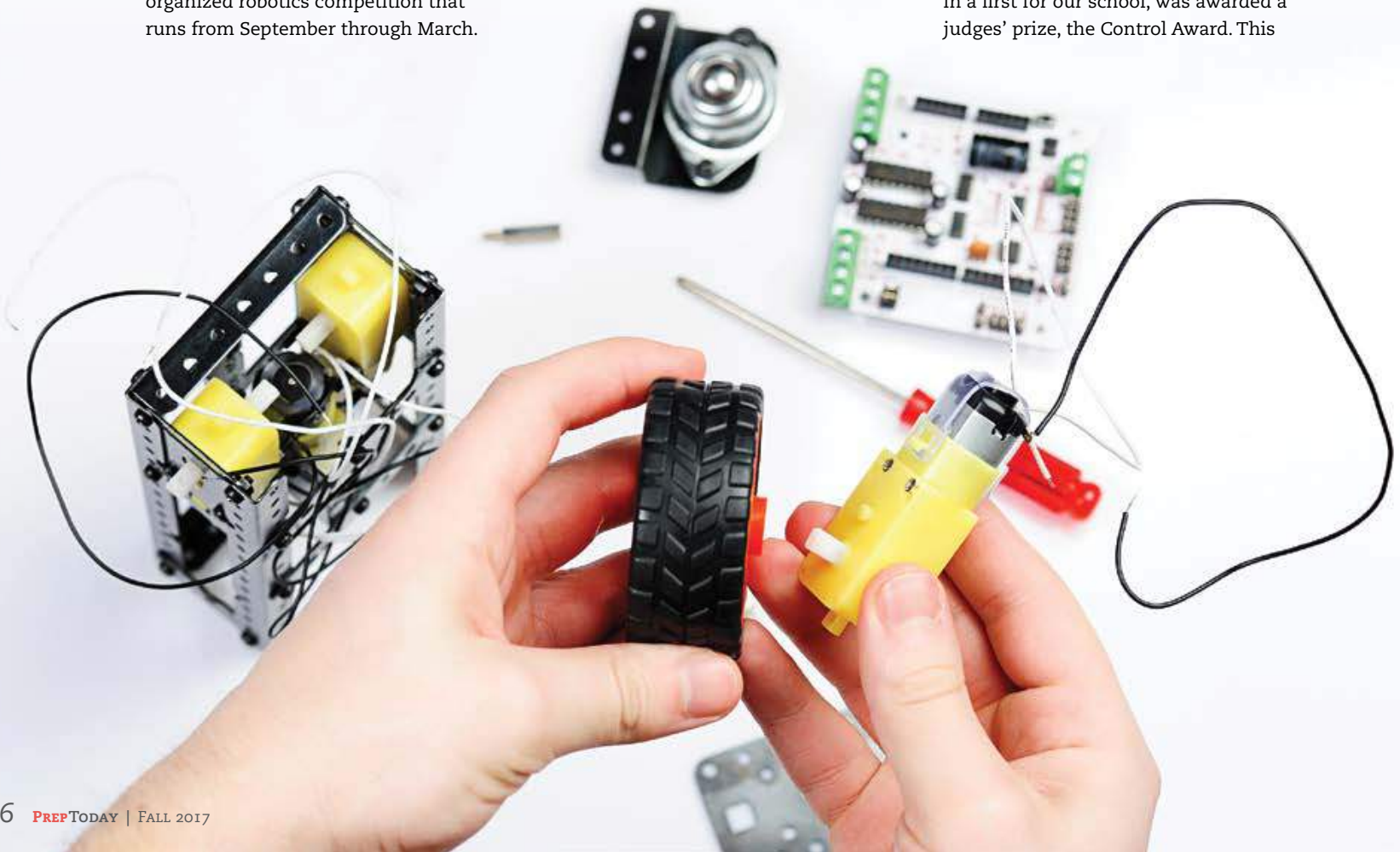
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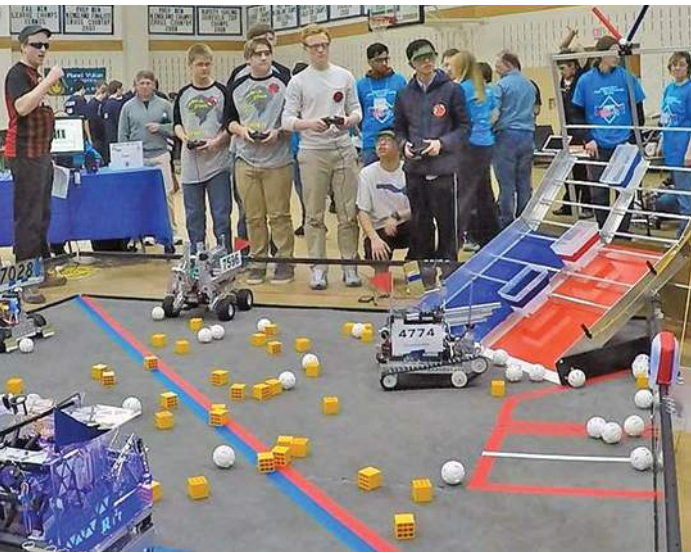
in an interconnected world marked by profound change

Prep students are the innovators that drive Prep robotics forward. The perfect example of this student-led dynamic has been our participation in the annual FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). FTC is a nationally organized robotics competition that runs from September through March.

Each year FTC teams are presented with a new challenge that forms the basis of the head-to-head competitions that take place throughout the year. Teams spend a tremendous amount of time designing, constructing, programming, and re-vamping their robots in order

to overcome the challenges of the playing field, as well as the competition presented by rival teams. The Prep robotics team has enjoyed incredible growth and success in just a few short years. In 2017 Prep returned to the semi-final round of the state tournament and, in a first for our school, was awarded a judges' prize, the Control Award. This





Teaching Lego Robotics to students at the McGivney Community Center.

award gives special recognition to the team that demonstrates creative use of electronic sensors and programming in addressing the challenges of the competition. This achievement is truly a demonstration of how Prep's emerging scientists are working together, learning from each other, and solving complex problems.

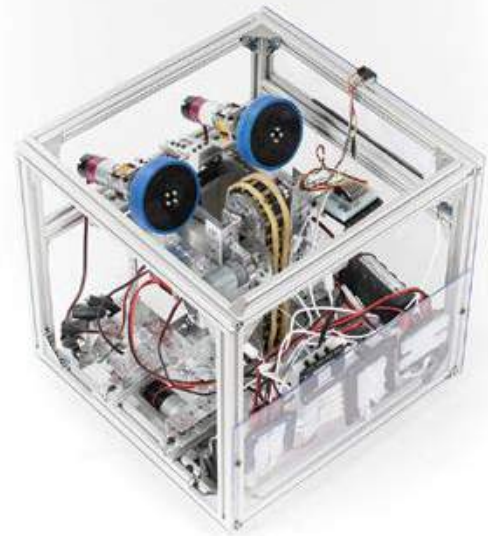
The joy I feel at seeing the success of the JesuBots (Don't you LOVE our newly minted team name?) is especially sweet given the club's humble beginnings. To put things into context, just a few years ago the rallying cry of our team, an inside joke that kept the mood light during stressful qualifying competitions, was that we were *Born to be Cardboard Engineers*. You see, in the heat of robot battle we repeatedly found ourselves duct taping cardboard scoops and panels to our robot creation, desperately trying to get it ready for the next round of that day's tournament. This type of genuine, organic problem solving is what I love about robotics. There never seems to be a right way, a pre-approved way of tackling a problem. It simply needs to come from the students.

Exactly *when* those problems get tackled is another story. In the club's infancy, the path to success always seemed to lead to late nights – or were they early mornings? With screwdrivers and soldering guns in hand, students would hole up in a Prep family's garage or basement (what gracious hosts), working tirelessly to piece together a functioning robot in the remaining hours before a competition. The effort of these students, if not their timing, was nothing short of

amazing. Perhaps because of its ragtag beginnings, the club seems to have been imbued with the same spirit of grit and determination that made its founding members so remarkable and memorable.

Thankfully, this driving spirit has not been lost on our current crop of aspiring engineers and programmers, despite our recent upgrade from basement workshop to Arrupe Hall robotics lab. Led by rising seniors **Jack Llewellyn**, **Sasha Mead**, and **Haoxiang Zhang**, the JesuBots have ambitious goals for the fall. I am delighted to see that many of these goals reflect what seems to be an emergent property of STEM education, namely that my students are developing an orientation toward process, rather than simply achievement. For example, the JesuBots plan to make use of the 3D printing and machine shop facilities at Fairfield University's School of Engineering. Growing yet another dimension of the club, students will continue the after-school program they began this spring, teaching Lego robotics at Bridgeport's Cardinal Shehan and McGivney Community centers. It has been a blessing to see the growth of these inspiring young men. They clearly see that their dedication to robotics can lead to ever-expanding opportunities to learn and to serve.

One final thought...just because these students are so impressive. This spring the club welcomed back Prep grad **Patrick Polley '14**, a current computing and robotics major at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, to share his insights on college and career opportunities in the tech world. After Patrick's terrific talk,



I casually asked the Prep students to reflect on how the year went for the robotics club. Sophomore **Riley Pengue** noted that a highlight for him was that this year's robot will serve as a base for the future. True to form, Riley was being literal. Rather than starting from scratch as they have in previous years, the JesuBots now have a well-built framework and drivetrain that they will adapt for next year's competition. On another level, Riley's words remind me of the transformative efforts of the Prep students that have come before him. Those efforts have set the foundation for the growth and success of Prep's robotics program, which seems to double every

two years, as if it were law.

By Anthony Dotolo,
Science Teacher &
Robotics moderator



Enviro-Science at Prep



Shotgun pellets on the beach at Stratford Point

*“Look at the sand,
it’s not really sand.”*

“Wow. I didn’t realize...”

So goes the conversation at Stratford Point, site of a major Fairfield Prep Environmental Science field trip this spring.

Working with Dr. Jennifer Matei, Ecology Professor at Sacred Heart University, all 40 of Mr. Ford’s Environmental Science students spent a school day at the site of the former Remington Arms Gun Club. From the 1940s to the ’90s, club members shot skeet over the water. Lead shot doesn’t disintegrate. Due to the increased storm activity and wave action of the last decade, the lead has been stirred up from the sediment and deposited along the sheltered beach where the Housatonic River meets Long Island Sound. Lead is the dominant component of the sand in some places. The students learned about this in class as part of their field trip preparation, but seeing is believing.

Dr. Matei explained that the small increase in the Sound’s sea level, along

with storms like Irene and Sandy, the erosion of salt marsh plants, the loss of shallow water eel grass, and the destruction of oyster reefs have all combined to create a “perfect storm” that has moved the lead on shore. Her work at Stratford Point, along with the National Audubon Society, are studying the effects of these changes.

A restoration effort is under way to rebuild the coastal ecosystem at Stratford Point. The Saturday after the field trip, Fairfield Prep Environmental Science students made a substantial contribution to planting 10,000 *Spartina* plants (salt marsh grasses) that will help to stabilize the shoreline, reduce erosion, and begin the process of reestablishing the coastal ecosystem.

Environmental Science is truly a multidisciplinary science class encompassing aspects of biology, chemistry, and physics. It also studies economics, politics, public health and a variety of other topics. Its curriculum routinely highlights current events.

Topics studied include ecology, biodiversity, demography (population studies), pollution, sustainability, and climate change. In-school lab activities include learning to use a dichotomous key to identify tree species and how to

quantify biodiversity. The class conducts experiments in population growth and limiting factors affecting duckweed populations. The students have tested bacteria levels on our school water fountains to see if there is lead (both show safe water). Students build solar cookers to demonstrate how these can disinfect contaminated water.

Unique to the course are a series of on and off campus field trips that take place during scheduled periods of the regular school day. Students conduct water quality surveys in the two ponds on campus and in the Mill River in Fairfield. The group has visited the local waste-water treatment plant, examined ecological succession on town open space, and explored ecosystem services at the South Pine Creek Salt Marsh. The class visits Connecticut Audubon’s Christmas Tree Farm in Southport to learn about agriculture and all the inputs required to grow the perfect tree.

Prep alumni also join in on the course. **Dan Hodson ’05** spoke to the class about his experience in the Peace Corp in West Africa. Town of Fairfield Conservation Director **Brian Carey ’96** talked to the class about the challenges of managing coastal and open space resources in a suburban area. These speakers help to



An Enviro-Science class touring the Fairfield Wastewater Treatment Plant



Prep students planted 10,000 *Spartina* grasses behind concrete reef balls as part of the marsh restoration

make the connection between class and the real world.

We have visited the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to study biodiversity, spent a day on a research vessel operating on Long Island Sound, and looked at how a beaver population in Stratford's Roosevelt Forest has changed the ecosystem there.

In our Jesuit tradition, learning about the environment is not simply academic; it is a call to action. Those most affected by environmental problems are the poor and underserved.

In May, at the end of the course, students complete a comprehensive project called "No Impact Week." It is a deliberate effort to increase awareness of the impacts of our daily activities. Students modify their fossil-fuel based transportation for the week, reduce trash, deliberately conserve water and energy use, even eat a diet that has a less negative effect all to reduce their ecological footprint.

But they also learn that individual action is not enough. There is an important role groups play through governments and other organizations

to actively search for solutions to environmental problems.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* is a call to all peoples to be protectors of the environment. We have a moral responsibility to care for the Earth and all its inhabitants. To this end Environmental Science students do several hours of environmental service as a part of No Impact Week. This year it was planting salt marsh grasses at Stratford Point. We have helped with invasive species control on Aspetuck Land Trust property, planted Christmas trees for Audubon, and participated in Earth Day clean-up efforts

Teaching this course at Prep is one of my great pleasures and challenges. It's rewarding to see the students enjoy the course, work hard at it, and take its message to heart.



By Bob Ford Jr.,
Science teacher



STUDENT RESPONSES TO No Impact Week

"...influencing others to live a sustainable lifestyle is living by St. Ignatius' words: 'Go forth and set the world on fire.'"

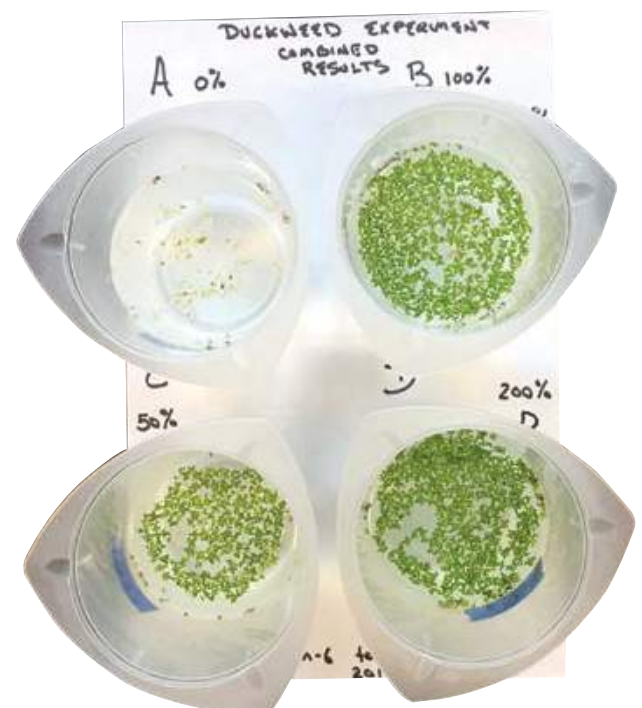
— Andrew Magel '17

"...our way of life causes harm for comfort. It's easier to live in ignorance and, therefore, bliss. Many will never directly see the effect their actions have across the globe. Because they can't see it, it doesn't exist to them."

— Destin Piagentini '17

"This has taught me about society's consumption, but more importantly, my own. I realize that living with a reduced impact is a neverending process. The project was just the first step in the right direction. Where I go from here matters."

— Matt Corcoran '17



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

Bellarmino Review

Prose, poetry and
art taken from
75th volume

Dear Reader,

The *Bellarmino Review* staff and writers along with the members of the Fairfield Prep Creative Writing Club were humbled and honored to produce the 75th volume of the *Bellarmino Review*. As Prep's oldest student-run publication it has fostered English writing excellence since 1942. It proudly publishes student-produced work exclusively.

For the past seventy-five years the *Bellarmino Review* has striven to demonstrate Prep's Jesuit heritage. In the tradition of Saint Robert Bellarmine, S.J., we endeavor to integrate knowledge and literary excellence into our prose, poetry, and artwork.

The *Bellarmino Review* gives voice to the Fairfield Prep community and offers its students the opportunity to both share and publish their work. During my three years as a member of the Creative Writing Club and a contributor and editor of the *Review*, I have been astonished by the diverse and complex ideas each pool of authors has contributed. The *Bellarmino Review* has been and will continue to be a place for the quiet artist to be heard loudly.

George Seyfried '18

Assistant Editor-in-Chief
Bellarmino Review



JUGGLING (taken from essay)

Freddy Rio '17

I peacefully looked around, taking in the beauty of the minimalist set, softened by the glow of dim ambient lights. This was it. The time had come for the number for which no musical ability could aid me, the test for which no books could prepare me, the ultimate showdown: "Juggler Freddy vs. 500 Spectators." The thought alone was nauseating, but many feelings beyond slight queasiness dominated my mind in that moment. It was the opening night of Fairfield Prep's production of "Carousel." I walked onto the stage with my ensemble and prepared for the opening carnival scene. The soft orchestral music slowly crescendoed and became more complex around me. I stepped onto a platform and stood ready, feeling extremely nervous. I had never juggled before an audience. As I saw my fellow cast mates on the stage and felt their collective focus and energy, I reminded myself that I must be perfect. I could not let a single one of them down. Then, snap! Bright lights immediately illuminated the stage and the orchestra began a waltz as I stood ready and started to juggle with hundreds of eyes upon me.



Cover artwork of
the 75th "Bellarmine
Review" created
by **Christopher
Vivas-Nava '19** and
Juvaughn Lee '19

ORCHESTRAL FEELS

Alexandros Alatakis '17

The notes are hit, the shivers follow.
Nothing to see, only to hear
The full tone fills the hollow.
It makes it hard to even swallow,
It sounds so loud, it seems so near.
The notes are hit, the shivers follow
It blasts off like Apollo
As beautiful as the words of Shakespeare.
The full tone fills the hollow.
It sits you in your seat, you sit and wallow,
The wandering thoughts disappear,
The notes are hit, the shivers follow,
The cellos sing like a tree swallows,
The conductor like a puppeteer.
The full tone fills the hollow.
Full and warm notes has always been the motto,
The audience applauds with a great cheer,
The notes are hit, the shivers follow
The full tone fills the hollow.

TWO FLAMES

Zachary Arumugam '17

It takes some time, starting off slow.
Two flames uniting, becoming one fire.
It is gradual, rather hard to grow,
But when it burns, it's hard not to admire.
The fire is strong, it's light is bright,
You wish for the candle flames to last,
The warmth makes you revel in delight
It is good to see that some time has passed.
It keeps you warm on those cold winter nights,
It gives you hope during hot summer days.
As it burns it can take you to new heights,
But only if you keep that flame ablaze.
Falling in love is not easy, yes it's true,
But love, love is the greatest thing we do.

BROTHERS FOREVER

Ayinde Johnson '17

The first day we entered Fairfield Prep
Four years ago.
Our middle school days drawn to a close,
And now here, eyes wide, facing new changes.
An hour ago, we boarded the train, waving goodbye
To our mothers and facing the horde of boys on
their way to school.
So many questions, so many echoes.
We settled in, finding more friends than
Could be imagined. Our classes were hard: so
much prep
Work. But we loved it, this new school
We called our own. We joined teams and clubs,
growing close
To people with whom we can now
Barely share a goodbye.
So many new experiences, so many new changes.

Our teachers were funny, helping these changes
History and English, feeding passion, loved.
As we moved up, it was hard to say goodbye.
But we knew that every teacher here at Prep
Would enrich our minds and keep us close.
We began to love everything about this school.
We were luckier than most; not every high school
Was as great as ours. We saw changes
In ourselves and our friends, and we slowly began
to close
The doors of our childhood. We learned the
importance of you
Before I, of service, of teamwork. We learned how
to Prep
For the lives that we would live when we finally
had to say goodbye.
We beat our opponents, waving goodbye
As they cried. A school who could never match the
famous Prep.
Together, we went through it all: changes,
Happy and hard times; anything you
Could throw at us, we took it, and it drew us close.

IMMERSION TRIP REFLECTIONS



At Fairfield Prep we strive to better the people around us and ourselves. It is humbling to see a group of individuals come together for a great cause.

Part of the Urban Plunge experience is reflecting on how we felt before, during, and after our service. We talk about things we take for granted and ask, "How can we change in order to benefit society?" I not only got to share about my own service experiences, but I heard the insights of the people around me. I felt God's presence during our community reflection.

Living in southern Fairfield County, it is easy to be blind to the overwhelming struggles present just a bus ride away. I was unaware of the prevalent financial struggle in not only

Bridgeport but the world. For me the Urban Plunge created a new insight regarding the impoverished.

I felt God's presence when I was helping to restock the food pantry at Father Skip's rectory. This particular charity has a significant impact on the Bridgeport community. Father Skip said they could serve up

to 200 people in one morning. What's unique to Father Skip's pantry is that the shopper gets to choose whatever he or she wants, including the brand of the product.

Before Urban Plunge I was unaware of the urban struggle to obtain fresh produce at affordable prices. Not only are fresh groceries unaffordable for minimum wage earners, but the number of markets in low income sectors are surprisingly low.

The best part of the week was serving at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. There my group and I participated in prepping and serving food. I was humbled by the respect and kindness of all the people. Everyone was grateful for our presence. I was



impressed by the interesting and unique personalities of those receiving meals. Some were cracking jokes with the head chef Freddie, or engaging in conversation with the Rescue Mission people.

I can transfer the skills learned on Urban Plunge into my daily life by spreading awareness of hunger and poverty. By improving awareness we can raise donations to local parishes and institutions.

Urban Plunge is a transformative experience that has helped me become aware of the serious social issues our neighbors deal with only ten minutes away from Prep.



Taken from a reflection by **Christopher Stich '18**

URBAN PLUNGE

IMMOKALEE

I will always remember this immersion experience in Immokalee Florida. God was definitely present throughout the week, but I felt He was most present at St. Matthew's House. The work being done there and the respect given to the least of us was really cool to see.

Jesus said, "Treat others how you would want to be treated." St. Matthew's House recognizes that principle and offers a secure place to spend the night and real food, not the gruel one might expect.

Repeated throughout the trip was, "Don't give a man a fish, but teach him how to fish." I saw St. Matthew's House, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and the Immokalee Soccer School live by that teaching. They are truly instruments of God.

Some simple things that fostered a brotherhood that grew throughout the week were star watching, basketball games which felt like we were in Game 7 of the NBA Finals, and dinner for Fitz's birthday.

A highlight of service was working at the Boys and Girls Club. I met a lot of kids and one will always stand out to me. A little girl from third grade was sitting alone reading so I decided to see what book it was. Within minutes we

were talking and she shared what she wanted to be when she grows up with a mature perspective of the world. She explained that she had to do things like read and not play UNO with the kids because she had goals. I expected to see her the next day and was incredibly disappointed when she wasn't there. It amazed me that a child managed to have such an impact on my life in just twenty minutes. I hope my advice to her to continue to work hard even when the work gets harder made an equal impact on her.

I have actively sought to connect the people of Immokalee to those in my math, history, and whatever-the-subject-is class. I have worked to make sure that everyone at Prep who hasn't gone to Immokalee has a perspective of the conditions there.

Since my trip I have developed a greater appreciation for what I have. So much so that when I hear my family complaining about little non-issues I tell them how truly fortunate we are.

I would go on another trip without hesitation because this was easily my favorite high school experience.



Taken from a reflection by
Jordan Wingate '18



Over February break this year, nine Prep juniors and three senior leaders traveled to Immokalee, Florida, for a week-long immersion experience. The group worked with Habitat for Humanity, Saint Matthew's House and the Immokalee Soccer School. They learned about justice and immigration, and how various social structures impact the Immokalee community. On their last full day, the group drove to Miami to meet with Belen Jesuit Preparatory School where they shadowed students and learned about our brother Jesuit school.

Gualtiere honored with Ignatian Educator Award



Elliott Gualtiere with Father Tom Simisky, S.J.

We all know Mr. G as someone who is filled with faith and passion for ministering to the young men at Fairfield Prep.

The Rev. Martin Shaughnessy, S.J., Ignatian Educator Award was created to honor Fr. Shaughnessy's four decades of service to Fairfield Prep and his passion for teaching for the "Greater Glory of God." Generations of Prepsters can recall Fr. Shaughnessy faithfully communicating the stories of the Bible with his memorable Moses stick and light saber. The Ignatian Educator Award is presented to a Prep faculty or staff member who demonstrates the same faith, enthusiasm and love for their students that defined Fr. Shaughnessy's years of service.

This year Mr. Elliott Gualtiere was chosen by his peers to receive the award. "Mr. G" as he is known by students, is a twelve-year veteran to Prep, and has served as Director of Campus Ministry with great passion and professionalism. In his tenure at Prep, Elliott has achieved a long list of accomplishments, most importantly the further development of Prep's retreat programming, which now includes the Freshman and Sophomore

retreats as well as an Ignatian movie retreat for Seniors, a Christian Leadership retreat, Notre Dame Vision and the ever popular Kairos retreat program, which is in its 21st year.

Teachers, parents, students and staff know that Mr. G's office door is always open to share advice, or simply be a sympathetic ear. His ministry is a core aspect of Prep's Catholic and Jesuit identity and serves to root the entire Prep community in God's love, be it through morning prayer, liturgies or through a kind word or action.

The entire Prep community is grateful for him being someone who always says "yes" to address any need of the community, be it his pastoral presence at wakes and funerals, or cheering along with the Bomb Squad at athletic events.

Thank you Mr. G and may God continue to bless you and your ministry at Prep!



By Father Bret Stockdale, S.J.,
Student Chaplain



Teamwork in action on the ropes course at the 2017 Christian Leadership Retreat.

Leadership: A way of life

From June 13-14 the Campus Ministry Office sponsored a Christian Leadership Retreat and Workshop at the Incarnation Center in Ivoryton, CT. The primary goal of the retreat is to get the students to think of leadership as a way of life. There are many opportunities to be a leader: on the sports field, in student government, in the classroom, hallways, and at home. Leadership is a part of our identity and what makes Prep different from other schools. Throughout the year Campus Ministry's Student Leadership Team meets Mondays after school. All students are encouraged to attend. Thank you to **Dan Fitzgerald '17** for sharing what leadership meant to him during his time at Prep. Also a big thank you to the adults who assisted and contributed their time and talent: Bob Ford Jr., Rudy Mauritz, Matt Sather, and Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J.




By Elliott Gualtiere, Director of Campus Ministry. For more information about leadership opportunities at Prep including the Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team contact Mr. Gualtiere.

2017 SPRING CONCERT

The Prep Music Department's annual Spring Concert was performed on May 17 in the Quick Center for the Arts. The concert featured all performing ensembles:

Jazzuits, Encords, Select Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Orchestra. From Gregorian Chant to Doo-Wop, the show explored many genres and eras in the realm of music. Genres included jazz, pop, rock, gospel and classical; and different periods within Western Music History included Medieval, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic, Modern and Contemporary. Each piece was unique in style, sound, and had specific approaches to balance/blend/expression – all demanding stamina, technical versatility and focus. Music Director Christine Evans praised the performers, "I cannot stress enough how honored I am to guide these young men through the world of music, and how wonderful it is to work with them and their families every year."

 Watch video highlights
youtube.com/fairfieldprep1

Prep Players go **Into the**



The Prep Players presented the Broadway musical *Into the Woods* on May 11 and 12, featuring the music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. In this show, all the fairy tale characters everyone knows so well set off on a journey to get their greatest wish. What they learn, though, is that wishes have consequences and life after “ever after” isn’t always happy. The show followed this

year’s theme of telling stories as an ensemble, which the Prep Players started with the *Story Pirates Project* in the fall.

Director Megan Hoover complimented the actors’ and musicians’ talents, which earned Halo Award nominations: “The Prep Players were recognized by Seven Angels Theatre with six Halo nominations for *The Story Pirates Project* and *Into the Woods*, which are a testament to how hard this group worked this year...I hope you will join me in congratulating them on this amazing achievement.”

The cast included Fairfield Prep students and young women from area high schools. The music director was Christine Evans, who led a professional orchestral pit with the memorable music classics.

Halo Award Nominations

★ **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL:**

Taylor McCuaig as Little Red Riding Hood in *Into The Woods*

★ **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS IN A CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL:**

Audrey Burns as The Witch in *Into The Woods*

★ **BEST ORCHESTRA:**

Fairfield College Preparatory School:
Into The Woods

★ **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A CAST IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY OR MUSICAL:**

Fairfield College Preparatory School:
The Story Pirates Project

★ **BEST STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY:**

Teddy Whiteman in *The Story Pirates Project*

★ **BEST CONTEMPORARY PLAY:**

Fairfield College Preparatory School: *The Story Pirates Project*



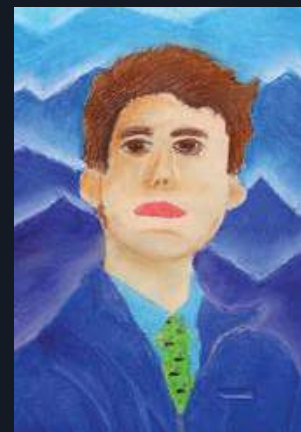
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Woods



ART SHOW

The Annual Art Show was held on May 18 and featured artwork from our freshman Visual Arts students as well as our sophomores, juniors and seniors in the Studio Art class. More than 275 works were displayed using a variety of mediums including: pencil and graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, oil and chalk pastel, watercolor, tempera and acrylic paint. There were also many digital works displayed including several digital illustrations, graphic design projects and even a board game design.



As a requirement for freshman Visual Arts, each student displayed at least one work of art created during the school year. Seven freshmen were recognized for their consistent effort and achievement throughout the year and received "Outstanding Artist" awards. They included: **Noel Bernard, Charles Gedney, John Iaropoli, Yunjiu Li, Gavin Neumeyer, Sean Seiler** and **Yuxin Lucas Yang**.

The show also highlighted the three students selected to represent Prep at the Annual SCC Art Show held on May 3: **Yuxin Lucas Yang '20, Haoxiang Zhang '18,** and **Joseph Schanne '17.**



THE BROTHERHOOD WILL LIVE ON

On the morning of Sunday, June 4th, 220 seniors in white tuxedos gathered outside Alumni Hall, as has been tradition for the past 75 years. We waited eagerly in line, receiving our red carnations and pins as we talked amongst ourselves.

We were all aware that we would soon be graduating, but what many of us failed to realize among the anticipation was that this would be the last time the class would be unified as a single body. At times like these, it is often difficult to recognize the true meaning of an event. And before we were given a chance to do so, we began the procession into the gymnasium, where family and friends were waiting to greet the Class of 2017.

We had all been there before for Mass, assemblies, and sporting events. Yet, never before did we enter the building with such a sense of oneness. We were joined by the faculty – those who have guided us through adolescence and taught us what it means to be “Men for Others.” After four years of being mentored by these faculty, it seemed fitting that they would be with us in our last moments as students of Prep.

We sat in silence as members of the Class of 1967 were called to receive their golden diplomas. Witnessing those men, who graduated from Prep so long ago, reunite to commemorate their achievements was one of the most inspirational moments of the day. It led me to ponder whether I would one day return to Prep and revisit all of the fond memories my classmates and I created there. Likewise, observing the lasting camaraderie between these men affirmed my belief that, although we are leaving Prep, Prep will never leave us.

This fact was even more apparent during the address made by **Timothy Murphy '85**, who spoke about his own experiences at Prep, focusing on the elements of “faith, brotherhood, and service.” In his remarks, he said that these core aspects of Prep’s mission must be applied to our lives after we graduate if we are to truly set the world on fire, as St. Ignatius instructed.

Afterward, Father Simisky handed each of us our diplomas. As I grasped mine in hand and turned to walk offstage, I was overwhelmed by the scene in front of me. In a momentary fusion of joy and sadness, I realized that my entire Prep career was coming to a close. However, even more poignant than seeing the entirety of the student body for one last time was the sight of individual faces throughout the crowd.

It is the small moments of the past four years that I believe we remember most fondly. We have shared countless experiences as a class, from Kairos retreats to state championships, and it was through this collection of experiences that a brotherhood was formed.

Gazing out into a sea of white, I realized that I may lose contact with some of my Prep brothers. Nonetheless, whether we actively stay in touch or merely see one another at class reunions, the brotherhood will live on. That we have shared the past four years at Prep will never be forgotten, no matter where life takes us.

I believe that I speak for the entire class when I say that Prep has made me the man I am today, and I am eternally grateful for that. Although the Class of 2017 may live separate lives going forward, the times we spent at Prep will continue to unite us, and we will carry what we learned within the walls of Berchmans, Arrupe, and Xavier for the rest of our lives.

Taken from a reflection by **Michael Turk '17** pictured with Mr. John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising

“Although we are
leaving Prep,
Prep will never
leave us.”





At the Baccalaureate Mass, President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., recognized the outstanding academic achievement of students in the top 5% of their class by awarding them the Medal of St. Ignatius Loyola. Pictured with Fr. Simisky from left: **Frederick Rio, Thomas Paul, Junlin Mo, Jerome Larracuente, Kevin Gallagher, Alex Capozziello** – Fr. Simisky – **Jayson Figueroa, Ian Imery, Brendan Flynn, Philip Vlandis, and Kevin Zentner**. Previously, the students were honored at the annual Fairfield Rotary Luncheon held in the spring.



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FAITH, BROTHERHOOD, & SERVICE

Taken from the commencement address given by **Mr. Tim Murphy '85**, Board of Governors Chairman

Class of 2017, you are going out into “an interconnected world marked by profound change.” I want to offer three suggestions built on the truly special aspects of your Prep experience: Faith, Brotherhood, and Service.

First, **FAITH**. Or at least, self-awareness.

Here at Prep you’ve had an opportunity to look inward and you’ve been invited to consider the possibility of faith.

Pay attention to the tape playing in your head, as often as you can. What are your thoughts telling you? Are they pointing you to selfishness, or to generosity? Are they pointing you to doubt, or to confidence? Since you alone control the tape, try to adjust its volume, speed and even its content from time to time. You won’t always succeed, but sometimes you will. This intentional self-awareness, while it need not be grounded in faith, is in fact a cornerstone of prayer. The Examen, after all, the famous Jesuit prayer, starts exactly with self reflection grounded in gratitude. So be open, too, to the voice of God speaking to you.

It’s all in the tape.

Second, you have experienced at Prep a **BROTHERHOOD** with one another. Brothers are generous, forgiving, quick to trust, and prepared to sacrifice. You can and must enlarge that sense of brotherhood to encompass relationships with the women that are about to enter your lives, in college. You’ve spent a lot of time these last four years with each other, in case you haven’t noticed. And that’s about to change.

The sooner you embrace the radical equality of women and men the happier you will be. From that equality flows the imperative for Prep men, always, to commit to constructive relationships with women – relationships of respect, of authentic friendship and, in some cases, of course, of love. You’ve been formed in a boys school because it gave you space to be yourself, during a period of great



change in your life. Now you are going out into the wider world. How you choose to relate to women in that world will be an important test of your character. I’d encourage you to draw on everything Prep has taught you – about brotherhood, but also about justice and ethics – and to do it well.

Third and last point, **SERVICE**.

You’ve seen the possibilities that open up when you act in service. You have glimpsed at the profound privilege most of us live in. I hope that stays with you – that whatever you do, your Prep experience leaves you with the sense that to live your life well, you’ve got to act beyond the pursuit of personal gain.

Getting a job and making money used to be thought of as the paradigm for what it meant to ignore service, and to act only for profit. Well, no longer. There are hundreds of great companies that are [creating programs], across all sectors of our economy. A company job can be a vehicle for service, too.

Your world must address the profound challenges of human inequality and environmental degradation – more than any other, the twin evils of our time. The private sector must play a role in finding solutions too – governments alone cannot. What will you do to tap the unmatched ability of business to scale and innovate, to meet the urgent needs of our time?

Prep has planted at the center of your

...your Prep experience leaves you with the sense that to live your life well, you’ve got to act beyond the pursuit of personal gain.

hearts the notion that being a Man for Others is the ideal. You’ve started with lives of service already. Find your own pathways to keep at it, no matter what you do – I beg you. The challenges are great, and our world needs you.

Faith, Brotherhood and Service. These are the things that impacted me most at Prep. They are the very core of the mission of this school. They will serve you well over the long arc of your lives. Remember when they do, that’s because of this place, and the friends you are seated with, and all the people here today who love you so much.

Class of 2017, you are the transformational leaders we seek. Come back to Fairfield Prep often to your friendships. Come back and contribute to a community that has formed you and that has been shaped by you in turn. You are important here. You belong here.

But for now, go forward. Go forward with a will to do great things, courageous things.

Go, too, with an openness to self reflection and faith.

Go with a commitment to generous relationships with others, grounded in our equality as men and women, as brothers widely defined.

Go with a commitment to service as the cornerstone of a life well-lived.

Go with God.

Go Prep!

HIGH ACHIEVERS



JOINING FORCES

At the Baccalaureate Mass on June 1, Prep recognized seniors who have accepted military appointments. Pictured (l-r with Father Simisky, S.J.) are **Aristotle J. Colarossi**, **Karl A. Johnson**, and **Sean Paul Stolarski** who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. Pictured below are **Martin J. Duffy** who will attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and **Jack T. Cavanaugh** who received a full Naval ROTC scholarship at Georgetown University.

SCHOLARSHIPS & RECOGNITION

Joseph Alessie – Woodrow Scholars Award at Univ. of South Carolina

Christopher Brown – News12 Scholar Athlete

Alex Capozziello – Knights of Columbus Scholarship/ Monroe Rotary Scholarship/ Unico Scholarship/Chester Lapinski Education Trust Scholarship

Aristotle Colarossi – United States Military Academy at West Point

Jack Cavanaugh – Naval ROTC Scholarship, Georgetown

Martin "MJ" Duffy – United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Western Reserve CT Military Officers Association Leadership Award, SCC Scholar Athlete

Dan Fitzgerald – Jacky Durrell Memorial Service Award

Brendan Flynn – SCC Scholar Leader, Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up, Kennedy Center Volunteer of the Year, Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

Kevin Gallagher – SCC Scholar Leader, Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Mr. Shamrock, Fairfield County Catholic Top Graduate

Robert Haskins – CAS-CIAC Scholar Athlete, National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete, News12 Scholar Athlete

Ian Imery – SCC Scholar Athlete

Karl Johnson – United States Military Academy at West Point

Ryan Marusi – SCC Scholar Athlete

Maximilian Moeser – St. Ignatius Scholarship at Seattle University

Julio Ojea Quintana – SCC Scholar Athlete

Michael Riina – CT Swim Scholar Athlete Award

Joseph Schanne – Fr. Joseph Labaj Award – Creighton University

Jonathan Siveyer – National Merit Finalist

Patrick Steed – Fairfield Rotary "Service Above Self" Scholarship/Wakeman Boy of the Year Award

Sean Paul Stolarski – United States Military Academy at West Point

Ryan Sullivan – SCC Scholar Athlete

James Thornton – Jacky Durrell Memorial Service Award/ Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Scholarship

Michael Walsh – Marine Corps Pilot's Association Scholarship for leadership/ Jesuit Scholarship to Marquette

Jake Walshe – Feile Scholarship

Kevin Zentner – Unico Foundation Inc. Scholarship/ John M. Bailey Memorial Scholarship presented by the CT Criminal Justice Educational and Charitable Association, Inc./SCC Scholar-Athlete



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Jonathan Siveyer



Patrick Steed



Sean Paul Stolarski



Ryan Sullivan



James Thornton



Michael Walsh



Jake Walshe



Kevin Zentner

SENIOR EXCELLENCE

Prep standout recognized among top students in country

Jonathan Siveyer is National Merit Finalist

Jonathan Siveyer has been named as a National Merit Finalist for the 2016–17 academic year. Of the 1.5 million entrants in the nation, Jonathan was initially recognized among the top 16,000 semifinalists, and continuing on in the competition he has been recognized as one of 15,000 finalists. This outstanding achievement is consistent with Jonathan's academic journey at Prep where he has taken the strongest course of study available in each year. Jonathan was a member of the National Honor Society achieving Summa Cum Laude honors each year; he received the Xerox Book Award sponsored by the University of Rochester. Jonathan is also an AP Scholar.

Jonathan has competed in the Connecticut State Science Fair each year. His openness to growth was fully demonstrated



by his involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities at Prep. Jonathan was co-president of Prep's Science Fair Club, he held a leadership position in the Business Club, was active in both Debate and Model United Nations as well as contributing to the success of Prep's Math Team. Jonathan was also a member of the Spanish Honor Society and active in Prep's Astronomy Club. He was involved in the Peer Tutor program and served at the McGivney Center in Bridgeport, CT, as a volunteer mentor and tutor in their after school program. Jonathan also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. An outstanding student and young man, Jonathan's recognition as National Merit Finalist is a powerful validation of his outstanding achievements and desire for excellence in all areas of his life.

Seniors recognized for scholarship and leadership

Gallagher and Flynn are SCC Scholar Leaders

The SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference) hosted its 23rd Annual Scholar Leader Banquet on March 27 in New Haven. Forty-six scholar leaders, chosen by their respective school principals, were recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership in their respective schools and external communities.

Kevin Gallagher is a Summa Cum Laude honor student, an AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. Student Government President in his senior year and also an Eagle Scout, Kevin's leadership is evident both in school and in the greater community. His service experience is extensive including participation on an Appalachian Service Trip, the White Ribbon Campaign, Relay For Life and founding "A Shirt Off My Back," an organization that provides clothing to those living in poverty. He was a member of the ice hockey and rugby teams as well as the Business Club, Stock Market Club, Symphonic Orchestra, Campus Ministry and served as an editor for the Bellarmine Review literary magazine. Recently, Kevin competed in the Fairfield University "StartUp" competition for new business ideas. His top placing team's "Trees of Life" is a nonprofit organization that seeks to bring clean, potable water to millions who currently do not have access. See story on page 25. Kevin will attend Yale University.

Brendan Flynn is a Summa Cum Laude student, an AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. He was involved in a wide variety of activities including Prep's baseball program, Symphonic Orchestra, Junior Classical League and Astronomy Club. Brendan has been a key student leader in Prep's Retreat programs, having served as a Freshman Retreat leader for junior and senior years, as well as serving as Rector of Prep's Kairos 60 this year. His passion for sports had led



Pictured from left: Dean of Guidance & College Advising John Hanrahan, **Kevin Gallagher '17**, **Brendan Flynn '17** and Principal Dr. Robert Perrotta.

Brendan to leadership as commissioner of Prep's Fantasy Sports Club and he has been a four year member of the organization "Scholars and Athletes Serving Others." Brendan took part in the Appalachian Service trip, and was recently recognized as Kennedy Center Volunteer of the Year. Notably, since his freshman year, Brendan has volunteered hundreds of hours at the Kennedy Center's Autism Project. Brendan will attend Georgia Institute of Technology.



Eagle Scouts

- Gabriel Aponte
- Brennan Black
- Alex Capozziello
- Damian Chessare
- Matthew Dिल्ks-Anderson
- Dan Fitzgerald
- Kevin Gallagher
- Alfred Kelly
- Andrew Magel
- Matthew McCurley
- James McGuire
- Ricky Pabon
- Thomas Paul
- Jonathan Siveyer
- James Thornton
- Michael Walsh

READY TO PLAY

Scholar-athletes earn college opportunities

Fairfield Prep proudly announces that by their strong character, academic success, and athletic efforts, many senior scholar-athletes have earned the opportunity to compete in sports while achieving their college degrees. Congratulations to our standout students and best wishes in your college endeavors!

• Basketball

Patrick Harding – Suffield Academy

• Crew

Martin J. Duffy – U.S. Naval Academy at West Point

Matthew Guinee – Union College

John Pacelli – Syracuse University

• Lacrosse

Chris Brown – Princeton University

Owen Callahan – Colgate University

Jack Kornituk – Manhattan College

James Loughran – Endicott College

Dillon Mirabile – Salve Regina University

Mitchell Savoca – University of Richmond

• Rugby

Anthony Adamchek – Penn State

Alexi Alatakis – Marist College

Colin Callahan – University of South Carolina

Syiel Custodio – University of Arizona

Callum Darnell – Bentley University

Kevin Gallagher – Yale University

Zack Hunter – University of Maryland

Tom Hurst – Fordham University

Miles Kaps – Providence College

Ben Kelly – College of Charleston

Sean Leary – Fordham University

Anthony Magi – Massachusetts Maritime Academy

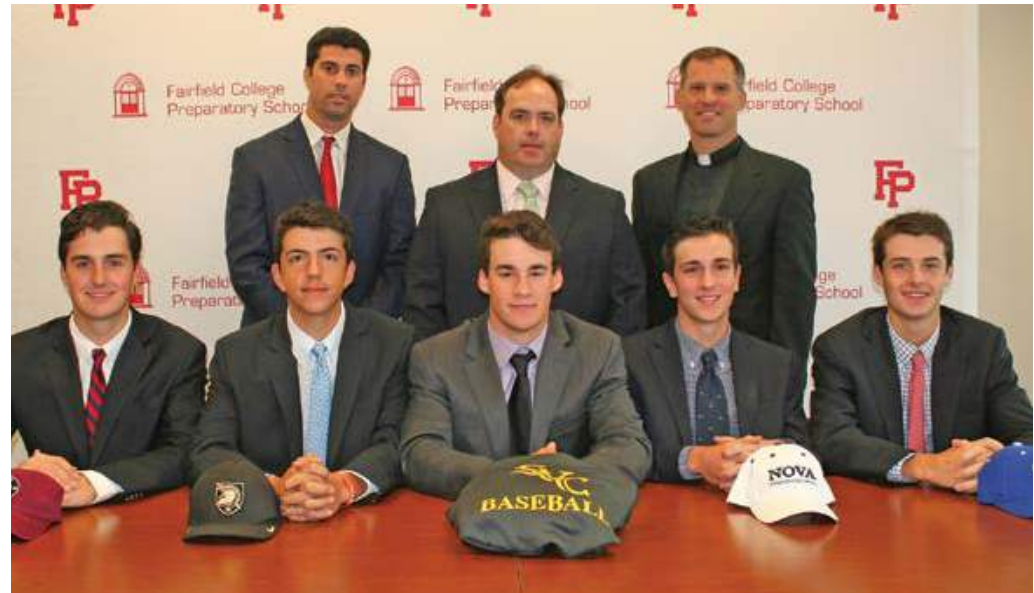
Ken McCawley – Holy Cross

Chris Ray – Hobart College

Evan Titus – St. Bonaventure University



Football Pictured in front row from left: **John Thorne** (Gettysburg College); **Anthony Petrosinelli** (Middlebury College); **Nate Miller** (Trinity-Pawling School PG); **Mike Piroli** (Bentley University); **Dillon Mirabile** (Salve Regina University football and lacrosse). Back row from left: Head Coach Keith Hellstern; **Drew McAvey** (Endicott College); **Connor Byrne** (University of Rochester); **Bobby Haskins** (Hun School PG); **Patrick Conte** (Yale University); **Ayinde Johnson** (Endicott College); and Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.



Baseball Front row from left: **Charlie Hoover** (Union College); **Karl Johnson** (US Military Academy at West Point); **Jason Marcello** (Southern Vermont College); **Chris Rotondo** (Villanova University); **Matt Zaffino** (Hamilton College). Back row from left: Athletic Director **Tom Curran '05**; Head Coach **Rudy Mauritz '94**; Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J.

• Soccer

Jorge Aguilar – Moravian College

Jamie Becker – Endicott College

Julio Ojea Quintana – Johns Hopkins

Biagio Paoletta – Tufts University

Dan Szabo – Western Connecticut State University

• Swimming

Jake Kealy – College of William and Mary

Kevin Lydon – Providence College

Andrew Magel – College of the Holy Cross

Michael Riina – Bentley University

Sean Paul Stolarski – U.S. Military Academy at West Point

• Tennis

Frank Fortunati – Catholic University

• Track

Devonte Shaw – Central Connecticut State University

• Wrestling

Kasim Khan – Wesleyan University



Alumni fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and graduating seniors gathered after the Baccalaureate Mass on June 1 for a group legacy photo. Pictured:

- Al '79, Marty(uncle) '75, Sean '12 and AJ Kelly
- Jack '12 and Matt Gavey
- Brendan '14 and Ryan Sullivan
- John Phelan '50 (grandfather) and Will Blagy
- John '61 and Jake Walshe
- Peter '85 and Andrew Gil
- Chris '86 and Tommy Paul

- Fran '82 and Joe Schanne
- Kevin '81 and James Thornton
- Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J. (Center)
- Chris '86 and Chris Rotondo
- Ed Coffey '57 (grandfather) and Hunter Trautz
- Tom '81 and Patrick Dolan
- Matt '82 and Colin Terry
- Traug '78 and Joe Keller

- Jay '85 and Jerome Larracuente
- Ed '84 and Alex Capozziello

Not Pictured:

- Patrick Hennessey '48 (grandfather) and Gabe Aponte
- Bruno '85 and Ross Gallace
- Scott '87 and Ben Quincy
- Jim '85 and Jimmy Stacy

TEACHERS HONORED BY SENIORS

MR. TOM SACERDOTE

Most Inspirational Teacher



Mr. Tom Sacerdote was presented with an award from the Class of 2017 as the Most Inspirational Teacher at the Senior Send-Off program held at Fairfield University on May 26. Pictured with Senior Class officers, from left: Bobby Haskins, Jemuel Saint Jean, Jack Cavanaugh, J.P. Haley and Kevin Gallagher

In a world dominated by uncertainty, there are some things that just make sense. It makes sense that when it rains, a person outside will become wet. It makes sense that when the temperature drops, a person will gradually become cold. It makes sense that when a person meets Mr. Tom Sacerdote, they will become inspired. Recently, the Class of 2017 voted Mr. Sacerdote "Most Inspirational Teacher." That makes sense. Tom Sacerdote has been a mentor and friend to me for the past seven years. More than a teacher, Tom is a pastoral minister to his students and colleagues. I have experienced his empathetic nature, and no doubt his students have too. An empathetic character allows a pastoral minister to enter into the hardships, successes, sorrows and joys of those that they serve. Tom truly cares for his students and colleagues by doing just that – and he always has. With a passion for charity, academic integrity, and service to God through service of God's people, Tom has lived his life and his vocations by high standards. By



his lead, he has shown us how to become better versions of ourselves. Yes, it makes sense that Mr. Tom Sacerdote was voted "Most Inspirational Teacher." Given the opportunity to vote, I'd have joined the Class of 2017.

By Corey J. Milazzo, Theology Chairman

MR. COREY MILAZZO

Yearbook Dedication



Mr. Corey Milazzo with Editor-in-Chief Alex Capozziello '17 (left) and Editor Collin O'Callaghan '19

In the summer of 2010, Fairfield Prep picked Mr. Corey Milazzo, from Fairfield University, to teach Theology. If you are blessed enough to be in his presence you cannot help but become aware of the spirituality that drives him, seemingly with boundless reserves of energy. If you believe in Providence, it's easy to argue that Mr. Milazzo was called to teach at our Jesuit school.

It's just as easy to consider the many reasons why the student-editors of this year's yearbook staff chose to dedicate volume 75 of *Hearthstone* to him. Mr. Milazzo has been involved with all aspects of the Freshman Retreat, including a memorable keynote address. He took over the Wrestling program in 2012 and, three years later, the team became SCC Divisional Champs.

Mr. Milazzo has participated in the mission trip to Ecuador. He's had major roles in the Thanksgiving Food Drives and Auction Dinners. He coordinates the National Honor Society and Baccalaureate Masses. He is the Assistant Freshman Football coach. While teaching full-time, he earned a Master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University. This year, he teaches six classes, which is an additional course on top of the standard contractual teaching appointment of five. In the years between 2010 and 2017, in the core elements of the school, you'll find Mr. Milazzo at the center.



Taken from dedication by James M. Chesbro, English teacher

PREP PRIZEWINNERS

Solving the water crisis

On April 6, 2017, four student startup teams took the stage at the Quick Center to compete in the sixth annual Fairfield StartUp Showcase. Fairfield University's StartUp is a yearly program of events designed to foster young entrepreneurial talent through engagement with mentors and investors drawn from alumni and local business communities. The program culminates each year at the StartUp Showcase, where students negotiate live with investors for seed money to start their businesses. For the second year, Prep's **Kevin Gallagher '17** participated in this competition, this year partnering with Fairfield University students.

The Shark Tank-style competition was held in front of a live audience of 400 and more than 3,800 who watched on Facebook Live. Kevin's team *Trees of Life* made their pitch, as a nonprofit organization with the goal of bringing clean drinking water to people in need through a desalination system using mangrove trees. The team discussed how one tree can produce six gallons of water, per tree, per day. Kevin and the team worked on the scientific concept, which was started as a research initiative under



Trees of Life walked away with \$11,500 in funding

Kevin Gallagher, far right, on stage at the Fairfield StartUp Showcase.

Dr. Graeme Berlyn of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences. Following the pitch the investor panel was interested in the output of the trees and the size of the mangrove farm the team was looking to pilot. One of the judges exclaimed, "You might solve the water crisis on the planet and I'm pretty blown away by that!" Another investor urged the team to make patenting the technology a top priority.

The showcase was a huge success and more than \$30,000 was awarded

in funding. The top three winners of the competition were *Trees of Life* who walked away with \$11,500 in funding, *College Place* with \$7,500 and *Tempas* with \$5,000. Congratulations to Kevin, who, as a high school student, competed in a university program and was awarded top funding. He certainly embraces the Jesuit mission of "Men for Others," working toward a solution of bringing water to the millions of individuals who currently do not have access to this basic human right. Kevin will attend Yale University in the fall.



Sikorsky Award

Bowen Chen '18 was among select high school juniors from Fairfield and New Haven counties who were honored for excelling in math and science studies by Fairfield University's School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

CT Science Fair winners

This was another successful year for Prep students who attended the CT Science & Engineering Fair held March 14-18 at Quinnipiac University. Seniors **Jonathan Siveyer** (near right) and **Hanson (Hanxuan) Mo** (far right) made the finals.

AWARDS

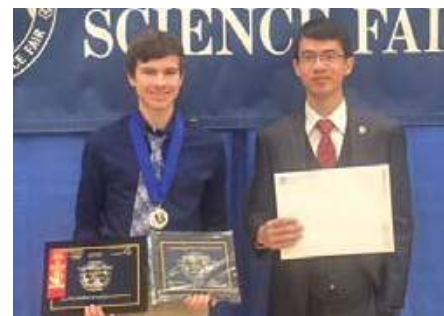
Jonathan Siveyer '17 for his project titled "An investigation into the use of fruit peel filters to reduce the level of water contamination"

- ★ 1st Honors
- ★ Pfizer Life Sciences Awards: Finalist - Life Science Senior High, CSF Medallion
- ★ Environmental Sciences Awards with CACIWC: HS Finalist - CACIWC gifts, CSF Medallion
- ★ Energize CT/eesmarts Future Sustainability Awards: 2nd Place High School - \$300 Cash and Plaque
- ★ GENIUS Olympiad: GENIUS Olympiad Competition for 2nd Place HS Future Sustainability
- ★ 6 year recognition

Hanson (Hanxuan) Mo '17 for his project on "The Application of Object Tracking in Surgery Robotics"

- ★ 2nd Honors
- ★ Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology Awards: Senior High Finalist - Medallion
- ★ U.S. Metric Association: Certificate and \$25 Amazon gift card given by CSEF

Other participants from the school included: **Haochen He '19**, **Shu Guo '19**, **Daqin Lin '18** and **Haoxiang Zhang '18** who were all awarded 3rd honors. The Science Fair Club moderator is Mrs. Deborah Kiel.



MEN FOR OTHERS

God is always present every single moment

During the first few weeks of my Freshman year Theology class, we learned how to find God in all things like Ignatius once did. When I first heard that, I right away thought that could not possibly be true, and that was just a way to get our faith rolling in the right direction. Well, back 20 months ago, my mom lost her battle to cancer, and that idea of being able to find God in all things revealed itself to me as being true.

This was the hardest experience that I have had to date. Losing someone so close to you at such a young age is something that no one deserves, and is something that I would never wish upon anyone. At this time I was frozen. I knew for a few weeks that it was going to happen, but I didn't know what the reality was going to be like. That morning, the struggles became apparent to me. I would have to take on more responsibilities at the house. The most important thing that I realized was how I had to make sure my dad, sisters, and the rest of my family felt loved in order to cope with what had happened, but had to do so as I took care of myself.

Some of the best advice and comforting thoughts that I received at that time came from Mrs. Verespej, a religion teacher back at St. Jude. She sent my family a set of wallet-sized cards that read "May You Always Have an Angel by your Side." The purpose of this card was to remind us that my mom will always be present in our lives. I kept this card in my wallet ever since she sent them. This encouragement contributes as one of the leading factors as to how I have progressed into the person I am and soon becoming.

I then realized God's love in the shape of other people. This came as one of the first, real signs that God was truly present in my life. The main way in which I was able to find God most profoundly was through Prep and everything that it offered. At that time, so many people reached out to me, especially kids in my class that I did not really talk

to. The guidance department was right there to make sure that everything was okay and would constantly check in to make sure it stayed that way.

Crew team, where I was able to make my first group of friends, was my biggest support group at this time. I vividly remember all the texts, calls, and visits that I had from my teammates and coaches. God put these people into my life to specifically help me with what happened on that July morning.

The other big area where God's love was revealed was within the retreat programs. One of the biggest milestones in this building process came on the Kairos retreat. It seemed to answer most of my questions on my faith, and this was only possible through the new and old relationships made and strengthened with people sent to me by God. It is certainly true that God and His love are manifested in the relationships with others, a value that I have taken from Theology class this year.

Prep truly is like no other school. There is an even bigger sense of community that can only be recognized by those in attendance and those who came before us. The community will always be a safe space for everyone; a place to gain comfort, and a place to be yourself. Times like these initially seem like only family can lessen the pains, but Prep has showed me that I have another place to go to.

So, if I had one word of advice for the class of 2020, it is to look for and take advantage of these signs from God. They will for sure help in forming a strong relationship with Him that helps deal with any kind of situation. Whether you realize it or not, God is always present in every single moment of your life.



Taken from the witness talk by **Christopher Massaro '18**, given at the Freshman Retreat in March



Students take pledge to help end violence against women

Fairfield Prep sponsored an assembly on April 4 to learn about the consequences of violence against women and girls. Students were led to take a pledge to support the White Ribbon Campaign initiative, a global campaign that began in 1991. Locally, the Center for Family Justice takes an active role in helping women who are victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault. The Center brought information, wristbands, and pins to share with the students. Special thanks to the speakers who presented to the student body, as well as guests who attended to support the event.



Prep alumni and members of the Prep swim team gather on the ferry to Port Jefferson, N.Y. Back row from the left: **Rick Hutchinson '87**, **Bryce Keblish '15**, **Richard Nolan '20**, **Chris Fusco '16**, **Billy Duffy '18**, Father Simisky. Front row from the left: **Rob Maiorano '06**, **Matt Russell '01**, **Stan Yarmoussik '18**.



Father Tom Simisky, S.J., leading the interfaith memorial service at Captain's Cove.



Matt Russell '01 leaps into the water to swim to the finish line.

Fr. Simisky, S.J., alumni and students **SWIM Across the Sound**

Fairfield Prep was well represented at the 30th Annual SWIM Across the Sound on Aug. 5. A group of swimmers representing Fairfield College Preparatory School – including Prep President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J. – swam the entire width of Long Island Sound in an effort to raise money for the event's sponsor, the St. Vincent's Medical Foundation. Swimmers gathered at Port Jefferson, N.Y., on Long Island and swam in 15-30 minute shifts all the way to Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport. Starting just before 10 a.m., the Prep swimmers battled rough currents and waves for hours, arriving at the finish line around 8 p.m.

"Over the course of the year it became a spiritual quest for me (to do the Swim Across the Sound)," Simisky said. "The real closure was the interfaith memorial service at Captain's Cove on Sunday," he added. Around 200 people gathered to remember those who had gone through treatment or succumbed to cancer. Simisky said he plans on doing the SWIM again next year. Apart from Father Simisky, the Prep team included **Robert Maiorano '06**, **Matthew Russell '01**, Kevin Curley, **Rick Hutchinson '87**, Peggy Hutchinson and Glenn Baker.



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Swimming

The Fairfield Prep swim team turned in another milestone season capturing the SCC Championship for the 13th straight season while also finishing as runner-up in the CIAC Class LL championships and 4th in the State Open. Prep's regular season was highlighted by an impressive win over Greenwich High School for just the 5th time in program history. The Jesuits also defeated a very tough Glastonbury High School team and then finished off the regular season with a victory over Cheshire High School. The win over Cheshire helped avenge last year's loss to the Rams and also capped off a perfect 13-0 regular season dual meet record. The Jesuit swimmers achieved many individual honors. A large number of underclassmen will return ready to carry on the tradition.

SWIMMING HONORS

- **LIAM COLLERAN '19**
All SCC, All-State, All-American,
New Haven Register All-Area
- **OLIVER RUS '18**
All SCC, All-State, All-American,
New Haven Register All-Area
- **STANISLAV YARMOUSSIK '18**
All SCC, All-State, All-American
- **MARTIN "MJ" DUFFY '17**
All SCC, All-State, All-American
- **BRODY BIEBEL '19**
All SCC
- **BENJAMIN FOX**
All SCC



Basketball

The 2016-17 Prep basketball team turned in another successful season reaching the SCC semi-finals and CIAC LL quarterfinals while facing stiff competition all season long.

The regular season was highlighted by victories over cross town rival Fairfield Ludlowe and Hillhouse High School, the top-ranked team in the state all season. The Jesuits used that momentum and defeated Guilford in the first round of the SCC tournament and then defeated Hamden High School in the next round in an overtime thriller to advance to the league semis.

In the CIAC Class LL tournament, the Jesuits blew past SCC rival Wilbur Cross in the first round and then won a second round battle against a highly-ranked Trumbull High School team. Prep eventually fell to East Catholic High School in the quarterfinals. The Jesuits continued their tradition of strong post season play and brought great excitement to their classmates and fan base.

Hockey

The 2016-2017 Prep hockey team had a successful season marked by a challenging schedule with games against top New England teams. The year opened with three consecutive overtime games. They hit their stride rattling off exciting wins over ND Fairfield, Hamden, Xavier, Darien and Ridgefield.

The team headed into the state tournament poised to make a deep run. However, in the most exciting game of the Connecticut high school hockey season, Prep fell in the quarterfinals to the eventual State Champion in another overtime contest.

Prep was led by an incredibly tough group of seven seniors: **Chris Brown** (Captain, All SCC-2nd Team, All-State 2nd Team), **Jack Cavanaugh** (Captain), **Brennan Henry** (Captain), **Tom Fox**, **Chris Ligas**, **Marc Orlin** and **Marc Pinto** (Hobey Baker Award).

The year was marked by great growth and next year's team, led by Captain's elect **Ryan Eckert** and **Skyler Celotto**, boasts 16 returning players and 11 returning juniors. With this returning leadership, Prep is poised for another solid campaign in 2017-2018.

BASKETBALL HONORS

- **PATRICK HARDING '17**
All SCC-First Team, CHSCA First Team All-State, New Haven Register All-State, Hearst CT Media All-Star
- **JOHN KELLY '18**
All SCC-First Team, New Haven Register All-State

Skiing

Fairfield Prep's Ski team and head coach Cary Nadel won its second straight Connecticut Interscholastic Ski League championship March 2 at Mount Southington. Prep finished with a team score of 311.04 beating out Brunswick who scored 314.62. In addition to Brunswick, Prep scored above Greenwich, Weston, Fairfield, Staples, Ridgefield, Wilton, Barlow, Darien, Cheshire, Daniel Hand and New Canaan.

For Prep, **George Visnic** finished 5th overall and **Andrew Gil**, **Jack Gurnham** and **Connor Gurnham** all finished inside of the top 10. In a testament to Prep's depth, **Connor Laurion**, **Aidan Feliciano**, **Cade Lewis**, **Pierce Barry**, **Danny King** and **Jack Keehan** all competed for high finishes to round out the state title.

In addition to the CISL State Open title, Prep finished the regular season 27-0 for the second straight year. In a season that saw more rain than snow, the Prep skiers were able to overcome adversity and complete another record-setting season!

Wrestling

The 2016-17 season was filled with milestones for the Fairfield Prep wrestling program. Senior **Kevin Zentner** reached 100 wins for his career after winning his match against Amity; and then **Zentner** and senior **Evan Titus** both won their individual SCC tournaments in the 120 and 170 pound weight classes. This marks the first time that Prep has had two SCC champions on the same team in program history. (Prep has been a member of the SCC since 1994).

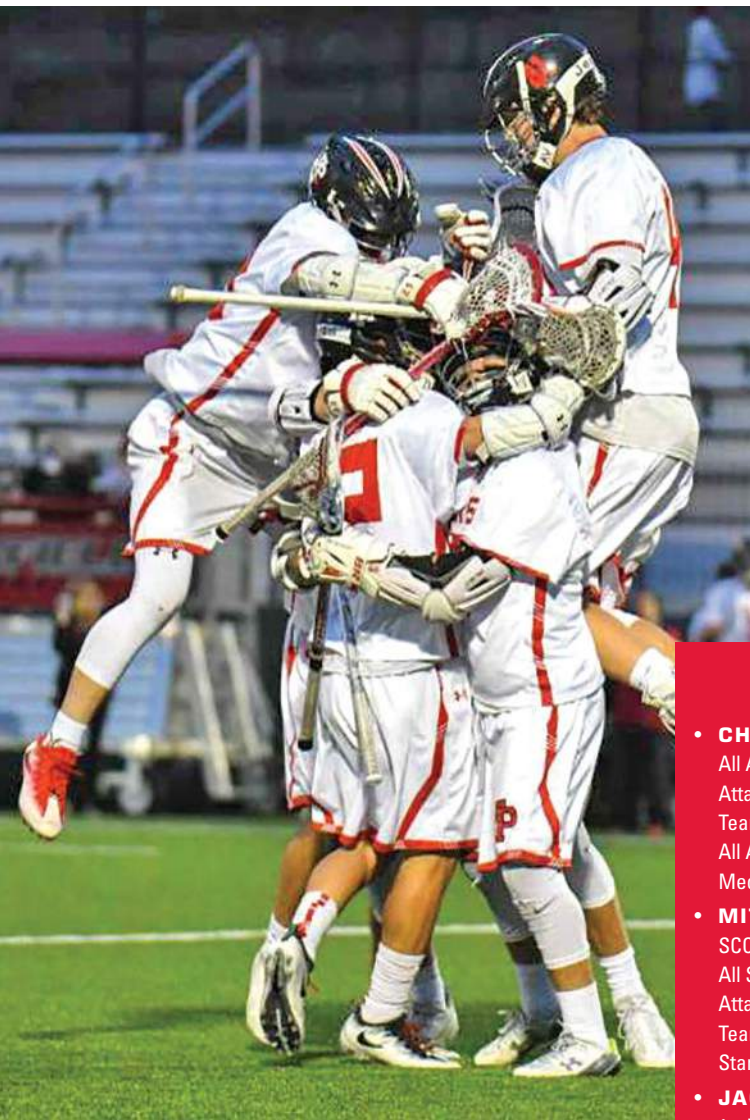
The Jesuits finished 14th out of 24 teams in the Class LL tournament and received important contributions from all members of the team. In addition to **Titus** and **Zentner**, **Khasim Khan**, **Grant Ballesteros** and **Mike Shea** led the Jesuits all year long. The five seniors have been staples of the Prep wrestling program. All had success early in their careers and stayed together these past four years to maintain a strong core for the wrestling program. Between the five of them they registered 120 wins this season.

WRESTLING HONORS

- **KEVIN ZENTNER '17**
SCC Champion 126 weight class, Class LL 5th place
- **EVAN TITUS '17**
SCC Champion 170 weight class, Class LL Runner Up, New Haven Register All Area

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Lacrosse

The 2017 Prep Lacrosse team had a successful season going 16-4 this past spring, winning the SCC regular season title, the SCC Tournament championship and advancing to the CIAC Class L Quarterfinals.

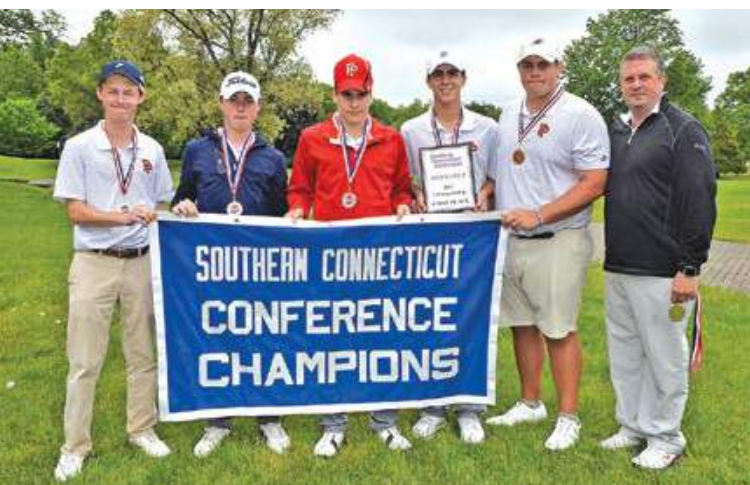
The Jesuits were led by senior captains **Chris Brown**, **Mitch Savoca** and **Jack Kornutik**. Seniors **Savoca** and **Brown** along with sophomores **Mason Reale** and **Ethan Grandolfo** led an offense that averaged 13 goals per game for the season. The defense was anchored by seniors **Kornutik**, **James Loughran**, **Owen Callahan**, **Matt McCurley** and **Ryan Marusi**.

The Jesuits played a tough out-of-conference schedule which included games against Chaminade, St. Anthony's, New Canaan, Fordham Prep and Salesianum. The team won convincingly against Cheshire 12-8 in the SCC Championship game. **Chris Brown** led the team with 5 goals and 4 assists. Junior **Matt Pinho** was named the Most Outstanding Player in the SCC Tournament with an 11 save outing.

Following the SCC tournament the Jesuits defeated Simsbury 14-9 in the 1st round of the CIAC Class L state tournament. Wilton ended the Jesuits' season in the Quarterfinals before a great crowd in Rafferty Stadium. Prep graduates 13 seniors from this year's team but returns some top players in sophomores **Mason Reale** and **Ethan Grandolfo**, along with juniors **Matt Pinho** and **Jae Stuhlman**.

LACROSSE HONORS

- **CHRIS BROWN '17**
All American, 1st Team All State Attack, 1st Team All SCC, 1st Team and MVP NH Register All Area, Team MVP, Hearst CT Media All Star 1st Team
- **MITCHELL SAVOCA '17**
SCC Player of the Year, 1st Team All SCC, 2nd Team All State Attack, 1st Team NH Register, Team MVP, Hearst CT Media All Star 1st Team
- **JACK KORNUTIK '17**
1st Team All SCC, 1st Team All State Defense
- **MATT MCCURLEY '17**
1st Team All SCC Defense, Most Improved Player Award
- **OWEN CALLAHAN '17**
1st Team All SCC Defensive Midfield, Most Improved Player Award
- **JAMES LOUGHRAN '17**
1st Team All SCC Longstick Midfield
- **JAE STUHLMAN '18**
Chris Smalkais Coach's Award Winner
- **MASON REALE '19**
1st Team All SCC, 2nd Team All State Midfield
- **ETHAN GRANDOLFO '19**
2nd Team All SCC Attack
- **PETER KAVANAUGH '19**
2nd Team All SCC Midfield
- **MATT PINHO '18**
Most Outstanding Player SCC Tournament
- **GRAHAM NIEMI**
SCC Coach of the Year



Golf

The 2017 season culminated in another SCC Championship, Prep's first since 2010. During the regular season, Prep went 7-1-0, with only a single loss to Amity, the regular season champion.

The Jesuits notched impressive home victories over Hamden, ND-West Haven and Xavier, the defending SCC champion, and a significant tie at Greenwich (154-154) at the Round Hill Club.

At the SCC championship, Prep bested Xavier 313-314, stunning the defending champion. Amity and ND-West Haven finished third and fourth with 321 and 323 respectively. **Will Mallek '19** shot an impressive 74 to finish second individually, and was named to the All-SCC team. **Michael Knick '18** finished with 77, for All-SCC honors. **Jack Kane '19** contributed with 78 and **Evan Farruggio '19** carded an 83. At the Division 1 State Championship, **Michael Knick** led Prep to a third-place finish by shooting 77; **Jack Kane** and **Tyler Blose '18** with 78, and **Evan Farruggio** and **Will Mallek** both chipped in with a score of 79. Prep was the only team at the tournament to have all five players score under 80.

Michael Knick and **Will Mallek** were both named to the Hearst CT Media All-Area Team and **Mallek** was also named to the New Haven Register All-Area Team. All players are returning in 2018 and look forward to defending their SCC title.



Baseball

The Jesuits finished the regular season with a 16-4 record, won the SCC Oronoque Division, advanced to the SCC championship game as well as reached the quarterfinals in the CIAC state tournament. The highlight was a thrilling 7-6 victory over Shelton High School at the Harbor Yard Ballpark in Bridgeport as well as a 23-12 comeback victory over Foran High School in which the Jesuits were down 9-0 in the first inning. The team would end the regular season on a 7-game win streak heading into post season play.

In the SCC tournament the Jesuits downed Guilford and Branford before falling to Amity.

In the CIAC tournament the strong regular season record allowed the Jesuits to host two exciting home playoff games in the newly renovated Alumni Diamond. The Jesuits fell to Danbury in a closely contested quarterfinal game.

The Jesuits were led all season long by senior pitcher **Karl Johnson** and junior pitcher and shortstop **Will Lucas** who were both named 1st Team All-State, All-SCC and Hearst CT Media All-Stars for their efforts. Senior **Chris Rotondo** was also named All-SCC.

Crew

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats qualified for the NEIRA Championship. The 3rd boat entered the regatta ranked 3rd overall up against class crews from Boston College, Andover and Exeter. These four boats crossed the finish line within 0.9 seconds as Prep missed the Grand Final for the 3V by 0.14. The 2V finished 6th ending their season. The 1st Varsity boat entered the regatta ranked 12th and needed to finish 1st or 2nd in their heat to advance to the Grand Final. Led by senior coxswain **John Pacelli** and stern pair **James Thornton** and **MJ Duffy** the crew had the best race of the season and finished in 2nd place, just one second behind eventual NEIRA champs Kent School. Racing in the Grand Final for the first time in school history the 1st boat finished 6th overall.

Rugby

Fairfield Prep rugby capped another successful season, its 36th, finishing with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses in league play and 6 wins, 3 losses overall. The only losses were to state champions Greenwich and runner up Simsbury HS. The Varsity Red team finished their season with a record of 4 and 1, scoring 234 points and giving up only 66. The program's 100 plus members saw the team defeat Fairfield for town bragging rights in a come from behind victory 41 to 38, scoring the winning try in the final minute of play. Prep also claimed the championship cup in the Northeast Jesuit Tournament for the second year in a row with a win over Canisius of Buffalo, 36-0.

Sailing

Fairfield Prep sailing took 3rd place in the year-end Fairfield Cup race. Drizzle and cool temperatures mixed with wind and nice swells made for an exciting day of racing at the Pequot Yacht Club. The event was organized and run by Head Coach Marc Jacobi. Each fleet managed to sail 5 races before high-tailing it back to the shelter of the harbor. Prep finished 3rd overall behind Brunswick school and Darien. Other schools participating were Staples, Ludlowe and Stamford.

Tennis

Playing a tough schedule Prep ended up at 18-4 overall and 16-3 in conference, capped by back to back wins versus Amity and Hand to give the team its first SCC Conference Championship since 2010 by a score of 5-2. As a team the Jesuits finished 6th in the Class LL State Tournament.

Senior tri-captains **Frank Fortunati** anchored the singles lineup at #1 and received All-SCC recognition, **Steve Westfahl** at #1 doubles with a regular season record of 14-0 was recognized with All-SCC and NH Register All-Area honors, and **Will Stanco** came away with huge wins at the end of the year versus Guilford at #1 doubles,

and in the clinching match at SCC's with **Frank Fortunati** at #2 doubles. **Chris Hilton** as a singles player held the #2 position all year, and moved up to #1 in the SCC Final, coming away with a giant three-set win. **Chris** finished the season with a 13-5 record, and earned the #13 seed in the Class LL State Tournament. **Nash Lovallo** pushed his way into the #3 spot in the singles lineup. For the state tournament he paired up with **Frank Fortunati** and they were rewarded with the #7 seed.

The team MVP was **Steve Westfahl** who was undefeated in doubles during the regular season over 2016 and 2017. Most Improved went to **Nash Lovallo**. Coach's Award 2017 was awarded to both **Frank Fortunati** and **Will Stanco**. The 2018 team will be led by co-captains **Chris Hilton** and **Nick Allen**.

Track

The Prep Track Team varsity sprinters were outstanding. The 4x100 relay won their event in a number of meets and qualified for the Class LL Championship. The relay team, that holds the school record, consisted of **Ian Imery, Devonte Shaw, Greg Harrison** and **John Gnibus**.

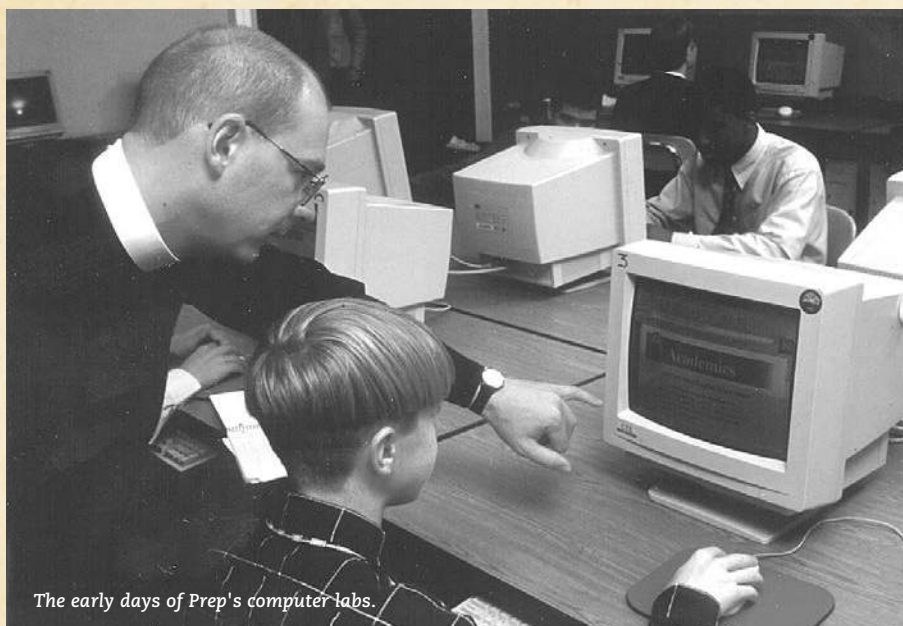
In addition **Gnibus** starred as an individual in the 400. **Greg Anderson** set a new 100 meter school record at 11.04.

The distance runners came through with four of them qualifying for the Class LL while scoring many points along the way. They were **Drew Thompson, Eddie Tristine, Drew Newcomb**, and **MacKinnon Sheldon**.

Thompson won the 3200 in every meet through the SCC Conference Championship, then made All-State by winning that event in the Class LL. He followed up with a 2nd place in the State Open, and earned New Haven Register All-Area Team.

This group will form the nucleus of the Cross Country team in the fall. Another outstanding performer was **Joseph Schanne** in the Javelin. He starred by winning most meets. He scored in the Class LL, moving him on as a State Open qualifier.





PART III OF III: 1992-2017

75 Years Young

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For the final installment of this three-part series, we resume from where we left off in the second installment, as we continue to follow, decade by decade, Prep's history through the 1992-2017 period. Again, the primary source is John Szablewicz's outstanding Prep history, *A Tradition of Excellence: A history of Fairfield College Preparatory School*.

Academics

A significant area of change throughout this period is the growth of technological advances and the role technology and the internet has come to play in educational methodology at Prep.

- Elective courses on using computers.
- Computers as tools for teaching elective courses in programming.
- Establishment of several computer labs throughout the school.
- A computer in every classroom.
- All freshmen required to take a course on the use of Microsoft Office.
- Smartboard technology – interactive whiteboard.
- Campus-wide wi-fi network.
- 1:1 iPad program: every student is required to have and use an iPad as his primary instructional tool and electronic textbook locus.
- Gradual phase-out of computer labs.

- Implementation of a robotics extracurricular activity.
- Teaching students coding.

The modern educational marketplace required a robust slate of elective courses for students to choose from to complement the traditional Jesuit school core-course curriculum.

Physical Plant

As a result of the highly successful *Landmark Campaign* of 1999-2005, the *Prep For The Future* campaign of 2014-2015, as well as several other initiatives, Fairfield Prep enjoyed a level of expansion and improvement to its physical plant unrivaled since the construction of Berchmans Hall and Xavier Hall.

- Renovation of science labs (1993).
- Renovation of fine arts floors in Berchmans Hall (1993).
- New computer labs (1995).
- Brissette Athletic Center (2003).
- Pedro Arrupe Hall (2005).
- Student Life Center (2015).
- Barlow Field turf practice field (2015).
- Completion of the Dr. Sal '49 & Marilyn Santella Fine Arts Center in Berchmans Hall. (2016).

The Jesuit Mission at Prep

During the 1992-2017 period, as the number of Jesuits on staff continued to decline, it became vital to secure and strengthen Fairfield Prep's

commitment to its Jesuit mission, which is the ultimate reason for the school's existence. We can identify several ongoing developments throughout this period whose purpose has been to inculcate in Prep's lay teachers and administrators the philosophical basis for Jesuit education as well as the tools for putting that philosophy into regular practice.

The Jesuit Secondary Education Association (JSEA) and the Jesuit Schools' Network (JSN)

During this period the JSEA, founded in 1970, grew into a major force for establishing contacts among Jesuit schools and for assisting those schools with dealing with the decline in Jesuit vocations. In the mid-nineties JSEA began sponsoring nationwide and regional conferences for member schools' personnel.

In 2015, JSEA was formally disbanded; its successor organization, the Jesuit Schools' Network (JSN), continues to perform the vital role that JSEA played in furthering Jesuit schools' understanding and implementing the Jesuit mission.

Provincial Accreditation

Beginning in 2011, Fairfield Prep, like other Jesuit schools, must undergo a reaccreditation process every five years. Fairfield Prep was successfully re-accredited in 2011 and again in 2016.

The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm

In the mid-nineties the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) project was initiated, through JSEA, for all Jesuit schools. The IPP can be thought of as the modern formulation of the 450-year-old educational program of the Society of Jesus in the Society's schools (called the Ratio Studiorum). The IPP is the foundational element in teacher training and mentoring at Fairfield Prep (and other Jesuit schools).

The Christian Service Program; Campus Ministry

During the 1992-2017 period, Prep's Christian Service program and Campus Ministry program underwent profound growth. Here are some of the highlights:

- Fall 1992: Father Phil Pusateri, S.J., chaplain, re-introduces the Mite Box.
- February 1996: The first Urban Plunge.
- Fall 1996: Prep's first Kairos retreat.
- September 1999: The first Global Mission to Ecuador.
- Spring 2001: The first modern Freshman Retreat.

- Summer 2002: Increasing popularity of the Appalachia Immersion Experience necessitates two trips.
- Spring 2003: Immersion trip to the Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.
- Winter 2006: Prep participates in the Society of Jesus's Jesuit Jubilee Year.
- Spring 2006: New immersion program Borderlinks, along the Mexican border.
- Fall 2009: Establishment of the Rev. Donald Barry, S.J., Columbian Squires Circle at Prep.
- Fall 2013: The Prep Kairos Retreat program holds its 50th retreat.
- Summer 2015: Immersion trips to Appalachia, Jamaica and Los Angeles.
- Summer 2016: Prep students attend the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day in Poland.

Interscholastic Sports

State Championships (1992-2017)

Basketball: 1997, 2015

Cross Country: 1997, 1998, 2011

Golf: 1993, 1995

Ice Hockey: 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014

Lacrosse: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013

Swimming & Diving: 2007, 2012

Tennis: 1992, 1994, 1995, 2002, 2003

Athletic Hall of Fame

In 2017 Fairfield Prep inaugurated its Athletic Hall of Fame. First-year individual inductees were **James Earl Lavery '50, James J. Fitzsimmons '69, Paul J. Halas '74, Chris E. Drury '94**. Also inducted was the **1960 state championship football team**.

Securing Fairfield Prep's Future

One of the more remarkable features of the 1992-2017 period in Prep's life has been the recognition and establishment of, and subsequent growth in attention to the principles of marketing in a competitive educational environment.

Strategic Planning

Once Fairfield Prep had passed its half-century mark in 1992, the school's leadership became increasingly confident that the milestone presented an opportunity for positioning the school to enter the 21st century in a position of strength. To that end, President Father Michael Boughton, S.J. in 1997 established a strategic planning committee. The committee's work resulted in the *Landmark Campaign*, Fairfield Prep's first capital campaign.

Administrative Restructuring

President/Principal: Prep created its own office of president in 1997 while the academic dean was promoted to that of principal. Called the "president/principal model," Fairfield Prep was one of the first schools to implement what has now become a common model for private secondary school governance.

Admissions: Prep had operated with a part-time admissions director, who also had part-time teaching responsibilities. Now, the admissions director is a full-time position with a full-time professional assistant.

Development Office: The position of director of development was upgraded to vice president for institutional advancement. The Development Office staff itself has expanded to reflect the increasing manpower needs of a modern fundraising operation, which is vital to the school's long-term viability.

Communications: The communications portfolio was initially added to the responsibilities borne by the alumni director. The increasing need for an effective web presence as well as first-class print materials and a logical approach to advertising, the separate position of communications director was created in 2007. Ten years later, given the ever-increasing demands posed by the growth of social media, an additional communications position was created.

Development Research: The need for researching the capabilities for fundraising had reached a point where a position was created primarily for that purpose: special assistant to the president.

Data-Driven Decision-Making

The 1997 strategic plan called for Prep to introduce a culture of data-driven decision-making. In pursuit of this goal,

Prep initiated internal data collection and hiring of external consultants, both of which continue to this day.

Board of Governors

The 1997 strategic plan also called for the establishment of a Board of Governors, whose members would serve the president of Fairfield Prep in an advisory role.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Fairfield University Corporation is the ultimate legal authority for Fairfield Prep (the "College Prep School Division" within the University's governance structure). Although the Board of Trustees is by its nature primarily concerned with setting the strategic vision for the entire university corporation, by the end of the 1992-2017 period the College Prep School Committee of the Board of Trustees had become an additional source of advisory support to Fairfield Prep.

Per Fidem Ad Plenam Veritatem: The Next Twenty-Five Years

At Prep's annual Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 21, 2017, President Father Thomas Simisky, S.J. will bring the celebration of Fairfield Prep's 75th anniversary to its official close.

Twenty-five years from now, in 2042, Fairfield Prep will celebrate the centennial of its founding. We can be certain that with her dedicated teachers and school leaders, and supported by the legions of her loyal alumni, Fairfield College Preparatory School will continue to provide her students the excellent academic and extracurricular experiences for which the school is justifiably regarded, all within the spiritual framework provided by the Society of Jesus. *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!* Go Prep!



In the Fall of 2014 final implementation of the 1:1 iPad Program begins, as all students are required to have iPads and to use them daily at Prep.

Memorable moments and faces



Spring 1992

Coach Ed Rowe wins his 350th baseball victory.



September 1992

Earl "Duke" Lavery begins his final year as head varsity football coach.



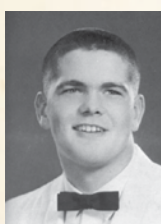
Summer 1993

The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) project is introduced at an international Jesuit educators' conference in Rome. The IPP is intended to serve as a framework for maintaining Jesuit schools' Jesuit identity in the face of declining vocations.



Fall 1994

Prep joins the newly formed Southern Connecticut Conference, successor to the All-Connecticut Conference.



Michael Jacobs '64



Gary Lasko '69



Fall 2002

Father Eugene Brissette, S.J., chemistry teacher and football team chaplain, dies. The new athletic facility is named for him.



Spring 2004

Retirement of Mr. Thomas McLaughlin after 42 years of service as a teacher and guidance counselor.



Fall 2005

The long-awaited academic building connecting Xavier Hall and Berchmans Hall is completed and opened. It is christened "Pedro Arrupe Hall" to honor the former Father General of the Society of Jesus.



Seth Morris '83

Fall 2001

Prep alumni perish in the 9/11 terrorist attack.



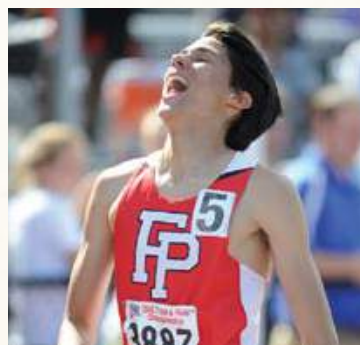
Winter 2012

Bruce Jaffe coaches swimming & diving to a 12-0 record, the SCC win for the eighth consecutive year, and the state LL title.



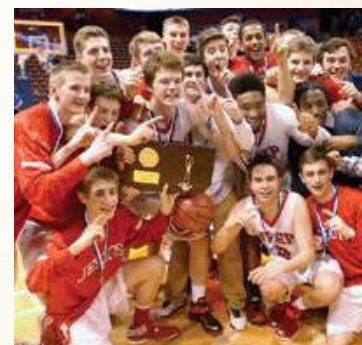
Winter 2013

Prep's Students for Educational Excellence through Diversity program (S.E.E.D.) celebrates its 25th anniversary.



Spring 2013

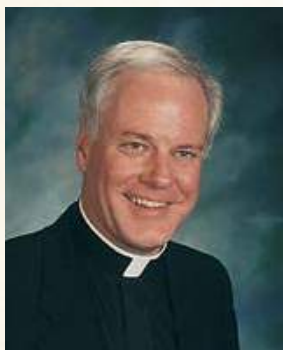
Christian Alvarado '14 sets a new Connecticut state record in the 3200-meter event, breaking a record that had held for 39 years.



Winter 2015

Prep basketball team wins the state championship, achieving a final season record of 25-2.

Ad Majoram Dei Gloriam



Fall 1996

Father Michael Boughton, S.J., is named headmaster of Fairfield Prep.



THE LANDMARK CAMPAIGN *Prep for the Future*

Summer 1999

President Father Boughton, S.J., announces the Landmark Campaign, which has four goals: (1) A significant increase in annual financial support among Prep's many benefactors; (2) Establishment of a "Great Teaching Endowment;" (3) Significant increase in tuition-assistance financial aid; and (4) Construction of two new Prep buildings, an academic building (connecting Berchmans and Xavier Halls) and an athletic facility.



Fall 1999

Prep legend Father Tom Murphy, S.J., dies (third from left). He was a member of Prep's first teaching faculty in 1942 and composed the music for the Prep Alma Mater and Fight Song.



Fall 2005

Debut of the Prep crew program.



Summer 2006

Father John J. Hanwell, S.J., takes over as president of Fairfield Prep.



Fall 2008

Final season for Mr. Rich Magdon as head varsity football coach, after 36 years involved with Prep football, 16 as head coach.



Spring 2009

Dr. Donna Andrade (shown with S.E.E.D. Director Alecia Thomas) honored with the JSEA's Lifetime Achievement Award for Diversity.



Summer 2015

Rev. Thomas Simisky, S.J., assumes the office of president of Fairfield Prep on July 1, 2015.



Fall 2015

Opening of the new Student Life Center in Berchmans Hall, achieved with the *Foundations for the Future* campaign.



Winter 2017

Establishment of the Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame.



Spring 2017

Fairfield Prep's 75th commencement exercises are held.



Honoring Prep's Greatest

FAIRFIELD PREP

honored four individuals and one team at its inaugural **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**, held on June 2, 2017, in Prep's Pelletier Quad. Approximately 300 attended a spectacular evening, with Master of



Ceremonies
Traug Keller '78, P'11, '17 (SVP, ESPN). Alumni,

family and friends enjoyed tributes to all of our honorees. Prep alumni will never forget...

"We may laugh, we may cry, but we never say die. Let's go Fairfield! Fairfield, let's go!"



L-r: Wally Halas '69, Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., Paul Halas '74, and Peter Halas '67

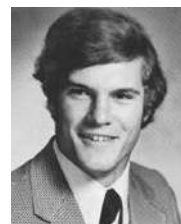
CHRIS DRURY '94 HOCKEY



Chris is arguably the most decorated athlete in Prep's history. From 1991-1994, Chris set numerous scoring records while at Fairfield Prep. He was a 2-time All-State Player in 1993 and 1994 and Connecticut's

Division I Player of the Year in 1994. Chris helped Boston University reach the Frozen Four three times and won the NCAA Championship in 1995. He was a finalist for the top player in collegiate hockey three times, winning the award in 1998. After college Chris played 12 seasons in the NHL and won the Rookie of the Year Award in 1999. Chris is the Assistant General Manager of the New York Rangers and was recently named General Manager of the Hartford Wolf Pack.

PAUL HALAS '74 FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL



Paul may be the most talented all-around athlete in school history. A two-way player in Football (Quarterback and Safety) helped lead Prep to a MBIAC Championship in 1973. In addition to football,

Paul excelled on the basketball court and started at shortstop for Prep's baseball team for three seasons. In 1974 he was the MBIAC Baseball MVP. After Prep, Paul attended Harvard and led the Ivy in interceptions his senior season and was a three-year starter on the Crimson's baseball team. Halas won Harvard's Scholar Athlete Award and graduated with honors from Harvard and Harvard Law School.



Jerry Niedermeier '61 signing a commemorative football, held by David Moran '82, to be given to his uncle Don Moran '61.



L-r: **Jim Fitzsimmons '69** with Coach Bob Sylvester

JIM FITZSIMMONS '69 BASKETBALL



Jim Fitzsimmons has the distinction of being the only basketball player in school history to be named All-American. "Fitz" still holds the school record for career points and points in a single game. He was league MVP and won the State Championship in the '68-'69 season. After first going to Duke, Fitz transferred to Harvard and is still the school's single season scoring leader. Jim was inducted to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.



L-r: Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., with **Earl Lavery '50**

EARL LAVERY '50 FOOTBALL

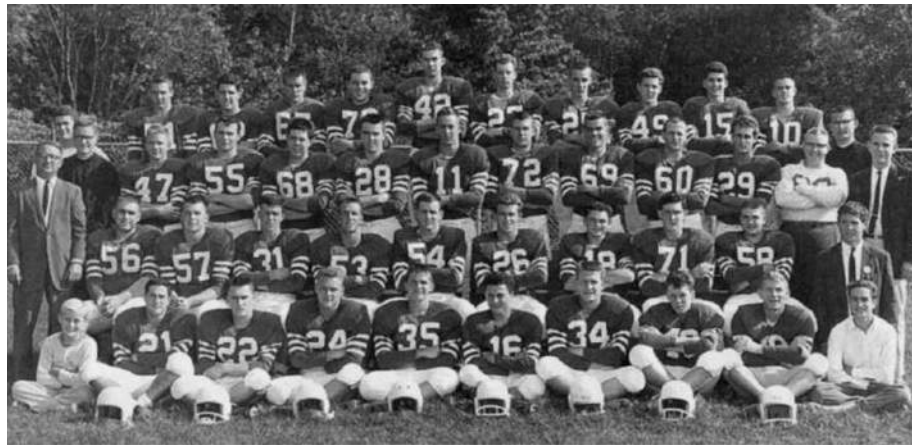


Earl Lavery was the face of Fairfield Prep Football for 28 years. "The Duke" coached five unbeaten teams, won or shared 13 MBIAC titles, won three State Championships and had 14 teams finish in the state's Top 10. Earl was elected to the Connecticut High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991, received the prestigious Gold Key Award from the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance 1996 and entered the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.



1960 CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

Under Coach Joe Brosley, the 1960 Fairfield Prep Football team was Prep's first State Championship Team. The team finished the season with a 10-0 record, outscoring their opponents 352-36 and recording six shutouts.



'60 VARSITY SQUAD. First row: Fahey, Niedermeier, Frigon, Miller, Sheridan, Peddle, Cassulo, Gilmartin, Redgate, Marchese. Second row: Mr. Brosley, Miazga, Skowronski, Carroll, Chiota, Moran, Fritz, Reed, Santora, Stewart. Third row: Mr. Connor, S.J., Bonifietti, Skowronski, Shattuck, Pond, McCarthy, Lynch, Amon, Mosko, Csandi, Fr. Brissette, S.J., Cavanaugh. Fourth row: Mr. E. Lavery, MacLaughlin, Esposito, McCarthy, Summ, Grywalski, Murray, Duffy, Berry, Tristine, Riordan, Mr. Braunreuther, S.J.





Reunion Weekend GOLF OUTING

More than 140 alumni, parents and friends of Fairfield Prep enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Great River Golf Club in Milford on June 2 to support Prep's scholarship in honor of former head golf coach Roger Ratchford. Special thanks to the tournament committee chaired by **John Chiota '86** and consisting of **John Chiota '61**, **Kevin Foley '73**, **Tom Welch '83**, **Jim Butler '86**, **Alex Oracheff '94**, **Kevin Kozlowski '99** and **Rob Weiss '09**.

Special thanks to alumni who helped at the event: **Ed Krygier '60**, **Ron Grywalksi '65** and **Shawn McDonnell '72**.

The tournament was organized as a scramble and offered breakfast, lunch and (back to Prep for) dinner as part of the Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame program. Most importantly, the group was able to raise money for Prep. Thanks to **Cob Carlson '71** who produced the Donald Ross DVD that was received by players. Everyone is looking forward to this great event next year.

Reunion Games

Baseball

The day after the Fairfield Prep Athletic Hall of Fame, **Coach Ed Rowe '59** and his wife Gail gathered with a squad of Prep's alumni baseball players including Hall of Fame inductee, **Paul Halas '74**, along with **Patsy DiTullio '75**, **Ed Zdravec '82**, and **Matt Merullo '83** and **Joe Mancini '83** and others. The team took to the field for a lively round of batting practice, and it was abundantly clear that these guys still have what it takes — and their passion for the game, and for Prep, is alive and well!



Rugby

In its second year as an official event, the Prep Rugby Alumni Match played host to 35 guys. The game was played on Saturday, June 3, as part of Prep's Reunion Weekend. In the traditional Even years vs. Odd years format, the Even years won 39-17. Congratulations to these individual awards: **Bill Bishop '85** (oldest player), **Anthony Petrosinelli '17** (youngest player), and **Nick Landis '97** (traveled the farthest from Philadelphia). Special thanks to **Marty McCarthy '94**, owner of Fire Engine Pizza Co. in Black Rock, for hosting an excellent after-match social.



Lacrosse

Reviving this annual game and in conjunction with Prep's Reunion Weekend, 30 alumni returned for their game at the gorgeous Rafferty Stadium. Sporting their throwback Prep jerseys, alums played on in front of a tremendous crowd of family and friends. Some traveled from as far as Boston to play! Special thanks to **Matt Russell '01** for spreading the word. After the game, alumni players watched from the stadium balcony as Prep hosted Wilton in the CIAC Quarterfinals.





Steve Donahue '62 and Bill Fitzpatrick '67



Kelly and Tony DePanfilis '67



The Class of 1967 enjoyed an activity-filled reunion weekend June 2-4, beginning with Prep's Golf Outing Friday, the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday evening, and a breakfast, presentation and tour at Prep on Saturday morning. The classmates and guests attended Saturday evening Mass at Egan Chapel with principal celebrant President Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., and homilist **Fr. David Leopold '67**. The

'46, '52, '57, '62, '67

classes of 1946, 1952, 1957 and

1962 joined the dinner and reception. All enjoyed a delicious pig roast dinner held in the Student Life Center. The Class of 1967 generously pledged \$140,460 to benefit financial aid and the Fairfield Prep Fund. Sunday events continued

with breakfast at Prep and the 75th Commencement at Alumni Hall, where the Class of 1967 processed with the Class of 2017 and received their golden diplomas.



Judy and Tom Connelly '57



Craig Froehlich '67 presents Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., with class gift.

"Let's not look at this as the end of reunion weekend but the beginning of rekindled relationships."

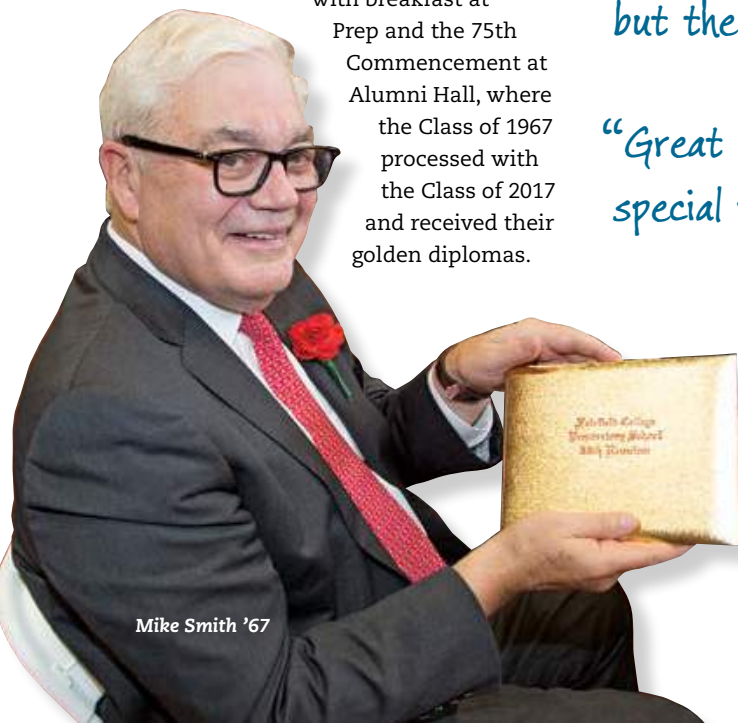
Craig Froehlich '67

"Great conversation, lots of laughs and sharing that special time in Alumni Hall."

Thad Kowalik '67

"The reunion was very well managed and everyone had a great time. I attended all the events culminating in the diploma ceremony. I am proud to be a graduate."

Mike Smith '67



Mike Smith '67



ALUMNI GATHER FOR CLASS REUNIONS

'72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12

Approximately 400 Alumni and guests attended the Fairfield Prep Reunion for classes ending in 2 and 7, held on June 3, 2017, in a huge tent on Prep's Pelletier Quad. Guests were invited to attend Mass concelebrated in Egan Chapel by Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., Prep Chaplain Rev. Bret Stockdale, S.J., Rev. Bob Levens, S.J., Rev. Larry Ryan, S.J., and Rev. Walter Pelletier, S.J. A reception and dinner followed in the big tent. The previous day, all alumni were invited to attend the Annual Golf Outing at Great River Golf Club and the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame dinner in the quad. Many alumni played in or watched alumni sports games on Saturday, including rugby, lacrosse and baseball. All enjoyed the action-packed weekend and reconnecting with Prep classmates.



2017 REUNION WEEKEND





Alumni Class News

Submit your news and photos easily online at www.fairfieldprep.org/alumniupdate.

Email us at development@fairfieldprep.org or mail to Fairfield Prep Alumni Office, 1073 North Benson Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824.

news

1940s

1950s

Fr. Philip D. Evanstock, CSSP '52 writes: "I am still teaching here at Notre Dame Prep - my 56th year of teaching at age 83. Best to my old high school - Ad multos annos! Pax Vobiscum!"

James "Earl" Lavery '50 was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Hall of Fame for football coach in the first annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on June 2, 2017. Earl Lavery was the face of Fairfield Prep Football for 28 years. See page 36.

James P. Zelle '57 received the 2017 Individual Award for Community and Neighborhood award for his work with a class of disabled adults. He takes 15 hand drums to the local Easterseals organization to work with these adults every week for an hour class. It is both music and physical therapy and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.



1960s

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Steve J. Kolbuszowski Colburn '67 has moved to Portland, OR after living in Austin, Texas for over 30 years and surviving some health challenges. He is married to a wonderful woman, Betty and they have a son, Russell, who is a director at Standard & Poor in Dallas. He works at Triad Speakers, which builds high end home theater and music speakers and sells them worldwide. He loves his work and would do much of it even if they didn't pay him. He also loves road trips, photography, music, and playing basketball.



Bryan Santiago '14 has lunch with Class of 1960

Members of the **Class of 1960** had lunch with **Bryan Santiago '14** at Pellici's in Stamford on February 7. Bryan was the recipient of a four-year scholarship to Prep donated by the Class of 1960 in honor of the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Prep. Bryan is now a junior at UConn Stamford. From left to right: **Ed Krygier, Nick Perna, Joe Connolly, Bryan Santiago, Pete Lopusnick, Ian McLaughlin and John Santa.**

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1970s

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Timothy C. Moore '74 lives in Leander, TX and works as Partner / Managing Director at Milamber USA.

Timothy P. Reilly '73 and his wife Debbie celebrated the marriage of their son Sean Reilly and Claire Roche on July 2, 2016. See page 45.

1980s

Matthew D. Flanagan '83 is working in sales at Rincon Technology and currently living in Harvard, MA.

1990s

Brian V. Carey '96 spoke to an Environmental Science class at Prep in March about managing suburban conservation issues. See page 47.

Christopher E. Drury '94 was inducted into the Fairfield Prep Hall of Fame for hockey in the first annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on June 2, 2017. Chris is arguably the most decorated athlete in Prep's history. From 1991-1994, Chris set numerous scoring records while at Fairfield Prep. He was a 2-time All-State Player in 1993 and 1994 and Connecticut's Division I Player of the Year in 1994. See page 36.

Victor Iraola '95 is working as a Senior Art Director at Match Marketing Group.



Stephen R. Kellogg Jr. '94 returned to perform at the Fairfield Theater Company on February 24, 2017 while on tour for his new project, *South, West, North, East*.

2000s

Thomas S. Corona Jr. '07 recently traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to represent the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine classes of 2019 and 2020 at the American Podiatric Medical Students' Association (APMSA) Mid-Winter House of Delegates meeting. Tom was nominated and elected by his peers to the position of liaison to corporate relations. He is charged with the task of recruiting new APMSA Partners and promoting APMSA funding opportunities.

Andrew Mitchell Davenport '08, Prep admissions counselor, published an insightful analysis of American race history, "Race is the Original Fiction - Reuniting with The Descendants of Thomas Jefferson's Slaves." He was named a Robert H. Smith Fellow at the International Center for Jefferson Studies.

Daniel T. Diotallevi '05 is currently in the Jacksonville, FL area after spending the last 8 years out at sea and in the oil field. He joined on with Crowley Maritime as an assistant port engineer. He will be spending the next 1-2 years working throughout the different business units assisting in dry docking of vessels for maintenance. Once that time period is completed, he will be assigned as a port engineer within one of the business units.

Robert C. Emerson, Esq. '01 has joined the international law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP as a Partner in its Investment Funds Group. Rob concentrates his practice on representing sponsors in the formation and management of private investment funds across a wide variety of asset classes.

Brian J. Hughes '09 (right) is in his 4th season as a PGA tour pro. He played PGA Tour Latin America for the last two years as well as PGA Tour Canada where he was a member of both tours.



Phillip G. Topalian '02 and his family are living in Okinawa, Japan currently. They are well and Phil sends his regards to his classmates.

2010s

Timothy Butala '13, recently graduated from MIT, has been named to the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams. As team captain and the team's lone senior, he picks up Second Team honors after leading his team to the NEWMAC Championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Earning NEWMAC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors, Butala started all 27 games while averaging 14.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per contest. Shooting 47.6 percent from the field overall, he is also shooting 85.3 percent from the free throw





Jesuit Community Gift

Prep thanks the Fairfield University Jesuit Community for their generous \$60,000 gift for teacher formation! Pictured are Rev. Michael Tunney, S.J., Rector, with Prep Pres. Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J.

line to go along with 56 assists, 23 steals and eight blocks. A CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree, he has posted four double-doubles and has scored in double figures in 24 of 27 games.

George H. Crist '16 finished second place in the 2017 Colorado marathon held on May 7, 2017 with a time of 2:38:41.

Juwan Crawley '12 is currently starring in *Aladdin* on Broadway as the Standby for the Genie and Babkak. He was in the Original Cast of *Spamilton* which earned him a nomination for The Clive Barnes Award. See page 46.

James P. Mulliken '14 earned Div 111 All American honors in Indoor Track for Middlebury College at their NCAA Championship. He ran the 800 meter leg in the DMR (Distance Medley Relay) with a 1:54 as his team came in 3rd in 9:58.56. He also finished second for Middlebury College in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:11.95 in the Open New England Championships on May 13, just .13 seconds behind the winning quartet from the University of Rhode Island. That mark was the fastest this season in Division III and shattered the previous school-record time of 3:16.47 set in 2005. At the end of the 2016-2017 year, some of his accomplishments were: All American D3 Indoor Distance Medley Relay, Feb. 2017, All American D3 Outdoor 4x400 May 2017, All American Academic 2016, 2017, All D3 New England (800m), All D3 New England (4x800m), All Open New England (500m) - D1 and D3 together, All Open New England 4x400, All NESAC (800m), NCAA fastest D3 record in DMR 9:46:95 (James, along with



his teammates, shaved a second and a half off of Amherst's record in 2015). James will be one of the Track Captains at Middlebury next year. He and his parents are forever grateful for his academic preparation and mentoring (Ford Sr. and Jr.) at Fairfield Prep.

Michael B. Ruther '14 was selected for USA Rugby's Men's collegiate All-American identification camp held in January at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, CA.

In Memoriam

Joseph P. Adley '52 on February 17, 2017.

Raymond Albert on May 16, 2017. He was the son of **Robert J. Albert '64** and the cousin of **Justin S. Albert '01**.

Rosalie Amidon on March 18, 2017. She was the mother of **William W. Amidon III '77** and the grandmother of **W. Warren Amidon IV '06**.

Audrey Barron on March 26, 2017. She was the mother of **Francis P. Barron '69**, **Gregory J. Barron '71**, **Robert Barron '73**, **William F. Barron '75**, the late **J. Richard Barron '79**, and **E. Andrew Barron '83**.

Mildred Bisacca on December 24, 2016. She was the wife of **George R. Bisacca Sr '46**, the mother of **George R. Bisacca Jr. '73** and **Joseph J. Bisacca '83** and grandmother of **David M. Lehn '94**, **Nicholas A. Lehn '07**, and **Benjamin P. Lehn '02**.

Owen Joseph Black, Jr. on February 10, 2017. He was the father of **Owen J. Black III '73**, **John R. Black '75**, and the grandfather of **Brian O. Black '02**.

Dirk Floyd Bollenback on May 29, 2017. He was the grandfather of **Connor M. Jamison '15**.

Gilda "Jill" Sorge Bray on June 5, 2017. She was the sister of **Dominick V. Sorge '51**.

Stephen R. Caliento '46 on March 1, 2017. He was the father of **Evan J. Caliento '97** and **Owen S. Caliento '99**.

Philip T. Caseria Sr. '46 on April 2, 2017. He was the brother of the late **Anthony P. Caseria '44**, **Lawrence R. Caseria '49**, and the late **Robert W. Caseria '52**, and the uncle of **Robert K. Caseria '78** and **David L. Caseria '80** and great uncle of **Robert J. Valus '14** and **Joseph P. Valus '16**.

John A. Creatura '50 on June 3, 2017. He was the brother of the late **Leonard F. Creatura '49**, brother-in-law of **James E. Lavery '50**, and uncle of **James M. Lavery '84**.

Olympia Crist on June 12, 2017. She was the mother of **Aris G. Crist '73** and **Athan G. Crist '78**, sister-in-law of **Raymond G. Heche '56**, grandmother of **Johnathan R. Crist '12**, **Athan G. Crist '15**, and **George H. Crist '16**, and aunt of **Adam T. Heche '83** and **Raymond A. Heche '84**.

Frank H. D'Andrea, Jr. '48 on March 10, 2017.

William D. Donohue on March 4, 2017. He was the father of **Kevin M. Donohue '80**.

Ralph C. Datillio '58 on July 27, 2016.

Edward F. Doherty '60 on June 3, 2017.

Susan Sherman Donaher on April 1, 2017. She was the mother of **John C. Donaher III '79**, **Matthew M. Donaher '82**, and **Patrick W. Donaher '86**.

Margaret Dunn on May 10, 2017. She was the mother of **Daniel J. Dunn, Jr. '81**.

John H. Dwyer Sr. '50 on April 26, 2017. He was the father of **John H. Dwyer Jr. '85**.

Patrick J. Dyer '72 on May 28, 2017. He was the brother of **Joseph L. Dyer '80**.

William J. Fitzgibbon '58 on March 17, 2017. He was the brother of **Thomas M. Fitzgibbon '53**.

Joseph W. Flaucher '48 on March 24, 2017.

Alvin K. Gay Sr. on February 26, 2017. He was the father of **Alvin K. Gay '19**.

Tina Jakab on June 14, 2017. She was the wife of **Stephen M. Jakab '84**, the daughter-in-law of **Stephen P. Jakab '58**, and the mother of **Matthew Jakab '16**.

Charles R. Keane '52 on July 12, 2016.

Peter LaMalfa on June 19, 2017. He was the grandfather of **Christopher J. Kelly '13**, **Thomas J. Kelly '16** and **Andrew J. Kelly '18**.

Jeffrey R. Lee '61 on April 29, 2016.

Joseph A. Mancini Sr. on March 18, 2017. He was the father of **Joseph A. Mancini, Jr. '83** and grandfather of **Joseph A. Mancini III '18** and **Jamie E. Becker '17**.

Regenia Bass Maultsby on March 29, 2017. She was the mother of **Randy S. Maultsby '91**.

Christopher M. McEttrick '04 on March 20, 2017.

Thomas A. McLaughlin '58 on June 14, 2017. He was the father of **Thomas J. McLaughlin '84** and the cousin of the late **Michael J. McLaughlin '58**. Tom was a long time member of the Prep faculty serving as former Director of Guidance, mathematics teacher, and coach.

William H. McMahon IV '76 on April 13, 2017. He was the brother of **Eugene J. McMahon '79**, **Paul B. McMahon '84**, and **Kevin D. McMahon '87**.

Gerald J. Murphy '56 on February 18, 2017.

Walter F. Naedele '54 on February 15, 2017.

Edward J. Ochman '67 on April 11, 2017.

Maura A. (Callaghan) O'Keefe on February 22, 2017. She was the mother of **Thomas S. O'Keefe '75**.

Robert F. O'Keefe '51 on June 3, 2017. He was the father of **Patrick F. O'Keefe '80** and grandfather of **Sean P. O'Keefe '09**, **Timothy Butala '13**, and **Robert J. O'Keefe '14**. See photo and tribute below.

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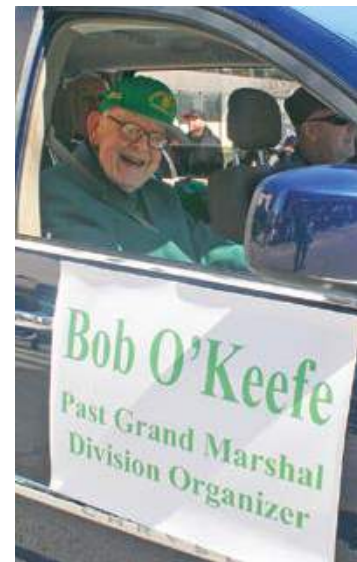
From left: **Bud Carroll '50**, **Ted Lovely '51**, **Barney O'Connell '56**, and **Jack O'Connell '51**.

Luck O' the Latin Scholars

For many years, the late **Bob O'Keefe '51** and family have sponsored a float in the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade that carries the "Latin Scholars," originally started with classmates from the Class of 1946, who have gathered socially as alumni and raised funds for Brazilian mission work (led by classmate **Monsignor Rev. Joseph Potter '46**), the Fr. Tom Murphy, S.J., scholarship and other needs. The Latin Scholars group continues to open its doors to Prep Alumni of all ages. Contact the Prep Alumni office at 203-254-4237 to be connected with their membership chairman.

Remembering Bob O'Keefe '51

The Prep community was saddened by the loss of **Bob O'Keefe '51** in June, shown right in the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. Bob was a staunch advocate and benefactor of Catholic education, and worked to promote and support educational institutions in our area, including Fairfield Prep, St. Joseph High School and St. Jude Elementary School. He created the Catholic School division in the annual parade, involving many Catholic schools in the celebration showcase. He will be missed!



engagements



Jason P. Atwell '02 proposed to Erika Redlin in Kyoto, Japan. They've recently moved to Colorado, where their wedding will take place in August 2017.



Mark J. Giordano '04 is engaged to Sandi Fisher. He proposed to her in May 2016 at Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland. A fall 2017 wedding is planned in New York.

Christopher E. Goebel '05 is engaged to Meaghan Reimer. A December 2018 wedding is planned.



Austin M. Ryan '06, Gift Officer in Prep's Office of Development & Alumni is engaged to Melissa Fett. A summer 2018 wedding in Chicago is planned.



Jack Wallace '06, teacher in the Prep Social studies Department is engaged to Victoria Mansolillo.

Andrew S. Goebel '07 is engaged to Yvette Gely. An August 2018 wedding is planned.

Geoffrey S. Rose '06 is engaged to Kristen McElhone. They are pictured in Portugal.

weddings



Adams Wedding

Justin E. Adams '08 married Pamela Mejia on July 15, 2017, at Iglesia de la Merced in Quito, Ecuador. Prep alumni and friends pictured, from left: **Garrett Halstead '08**, **Christopher Adams '11**, **Brendan Shea '08**, **Justin Adams '08**, Michael Chavez, Pamela Mejia, **Matthew Garcia '08**, **James McCarthy '08** and **Rowan Kane '08**.



Roche/Reilly Wedding

Claire Roche and Sean Reilly were married on July 2, 2016 at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown, CT, followed by a reception at Candlelight Farms Inn in New Milford, CT. Claire is the daughter of **Dave Roche '73** and his wife Carol, sister of **John Roche '00**, **Peter Roche '05**, niece of **Tom Roche '70**, **Ed Roche '72**, and **Jim Roche '75**. Sean is the son of **Tim Reilly '73** and his wife Debbie, grandson of **Jim Reilly Jr. '50**, and nephew of **Jim Reilly III '78** and **Tom Sheehan '74**. The couple lives in Milford, CT.



Christiani Wedding

Peter A. Christiani '09 married Becca Nichols on June 17, 2017, at Club Getaway in Kent, CT. Prep alumni included, top row, from left: **Jake Van Sant '09**, **John Blagys '09**, **Peter Christiani '09**, **Bart Platow '09**, **Tate Langerman '09**, **Connor Kelly '09**, **Brandon Massarro '09** and **Joseph Dempsey '09**. Bottom row, from left: **James Worsfold '09** and **Ryan Westberg '09**.



Bogardus Wedding

Joseph F. Bogardus '05 and Angela Fratarcangeli got married on July 22, 2017 at the Inn at Longshore in Westport CT. Pictured from left to right are: **Michael D. Bogardus '08** (Best Man), **Jason M. Ellis '05**, **Claudio Fratarcangeli '72** (Father of the Bride), Angela Fratarcangeli, **Joseph F. Bogardus '05**, **Henry G. Falasco '59**, **Jesse D. Wooten '05** (Groomsman), **Michael G. Maronich '73**, and **Michael C. Lynch '05** (Groomsman).

BIRTHS



Alexander G. Bues '03 and his wife Katie welcomed daughter Carter Elizabeth (Cece) on March 23, 2017.



Joseph C. Crowley '00 and his wife Serena welcomed son Alexander "Lex" Cote on September 5, 2016.



Edward Z. Gormbley '95 and his wife Catherine O'Donnell welcomed Emma Jane on July 10, 2017. She joins big brothers, Connor and Dylan at home.



Peter D. Loncto '90 and his wife Kathryn welcomed baby boy John Paul "Jack" on June 24, 2016. Jack's uncle, **John J. Loncto '85**, is the Godfather.



Zachary D. Lyon '06 and his wife Megan welcomed their daughter Sawyer Jeanette on February 5, 2017. Born in Grand Junction, CO two hours from home in Moab, UT.



Randy S. Maultsby '91 and his wife Melissa welcomed Daisy Pearl on March 11, 2017.



Matthew J. McEnery '05 welcomed daughter Winifred June on June 22, 2016.



Daniel E. Parisi '06 and his wife Amanda welcomed twins, Theodore Newton & Greyson Brooks on February 27, 2017.



David L. Slowik '88 and his wife Lilly welcomed twins, Brooklyn Rose & Luke Richard on June 27, 2017.

Lt. Phillip G. Topalian '02 and his wife Erin welcomed daughter Brooklyn on April 24, 2017. She joins big brother Lincoln (20 months).

Matthew R. Webber '93 and his wife Briana welcomed son Bodhi Thomas on March 16, 2017.

In Memoriam

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C. W. ("Bozo") Richards on February 2, 2017. He was the father-in-law of **Greg Marshall '73**, Assistant to the President.

Agnes S. Roach on May 26, 2017. She was the wife of **Thomas J. Roach Sr. '55**, the sister-in-law of **Stephen J. Roach '47**, the late **David L. Roach '47**, and **James P. Roach '50**, the mother of **Maura O'Connor** of the Fairfield Prep Math Department, mother-in-law of **Brian R. O'Connor '83**, grandmother of **Thomas P. O'Connor '14** and **John B. O'Connor '19** and aunt of **Timothy S. Roach '78**, **Daniel S. Roach '79**, and the late **Matthew D. Roach '76**.

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the death of Edward John Roach on June 24, 2017. He was the son of **Dr. James Roach '50**, brother of **Timothy Roach '78**, nephew of **Thomas J. Roach Sr. '55**, **Stephen J. Roach '47**, and the late **David L. Roach '47**, uncle of **Macklin Barry '21** and cousin of **Daniel S. Roach '79** and the late **Matthew D. Roach '76**.

John Rogowski '48 on June 13, 2017. He was the father of **John P. Rogowski Jr. '75** and **Paul Rogowski '76**.

Sr. Catherine Rowe, M.M. on March 12, 2017. She was the sister of **Frederick W. Rowe '58** and the late **Brigadier General Peter Rowe USMC '56**.

Florian J. Selling '60 on February 4, 2017. He was the brother of **Joseph A. Selling '63**.

Edward J. Sisk '49 on March 21, 2017.

Thomas P. Skidd '54 on May 19, 2017.

Bernard J. Skopp '53 on March 27, 2017. He was the brother of the late **George T. Skopp, Jr. '50**.

John A. Sokolnicki '62 on February 20, 2017. He was the brother of **Leo P. Sokolnicki '65**.

George L. Sterling on April 18, 2017. He was the father-in-law of the late **Chad A. Jacobs '82** and grandfather of **Macleann C. Jacobs '19**.

William B. Stuart on June 9, 2017. He was the father of **William H. Stuart '17**.

Katherine Troiano on February 2, 2017. She was the mother of **Paul J. Troiano '63**.

Patricia Ward on April 14, 2017. She was the wife of **Kenneth F. Ward '54** and the sister-in-law of **Allen T. Ward '58**.

Jennie Wargo on January 29, 2017. She was the mother of **Kenneth J. Wargo '67**.

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In Memoriam

Clifton Andrade on March 21, 2017. He was the father of **Donna Andrade**, Prep's Dean of Mission and Ministry.

Weddings

Sean Whelan, of the Prep Foreign Language Department, married Cadia Wiley on June 17, 2017 in Cleveland, OH.



Births

Amy Ardito, of the Prep Mathematics Department, and her husband Eddie welcomed their baby girl Emma Ardito on February 20, 2017.



Tim Dee, Prep Academic Dean, and his wife Kristin welcomed their baby boy Gavin Timothy Dee on February 26, 2017.

Notes

Rev. Robert J. Levens, S.J., former Chaplain for Faculty/Staff and Alumni at Fairfield Prep, moved from the Jesuit Campion Center in MA, where he has served as Rector/President of the Campion Health Center, to Cheverus High School in Maine, where he is serving as Chaplain for the Faculty.



Prep congratulates **Frank and Viv Ahlers**, F & V Services, who retired after 33 years of providing meals to countless students as well as building services to Prep. Thanks for your dedication and service. Best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

Larry Carroll '63 retired from Fairfield Prep as Vice President for Advancement, and most recently as Director of Planned Giving & Stewardship. He served in the Prep Development office for 19 years. Larry began his Development work at Fairfield University and also worked at Canisius College and the Diocese of Buffalo, both in Buffalo, NY. Prep extends Larry our great thanks and best wishes for his retirement. He can be reached at lc Carroll@fairfieldprep.org.





Rob Stevens '02 shares his experience as a financial trader and portfolio manager.

Juniors enlightened at Vocation/Career Night

On March 2, more than 75 juniors attended Prep's second annual Vocation Night, which was coordinated by Student Chaplain Fr. Bret Stockdale, S.J., and the Prep Guidance and Alumni offices. Students heard from 12 alumni, as well as other professionals who offered presentations about their career or vocation choices. The purpose of the program was to introduce the concept of vocation as a sense of calling from God that leads one to a sense of purpose, fulfillment and happiness. In addition, the life choices of marriage, religious life and priesthood, and one's career paths also provide some of the sense of vocation. The Prep Vocation/Career Night was designed for juniors to introduce them to members of the Prep Community who have found a sense of vocation in their lives and career paths.



Jay Miolla '94 demonstrates virtual reality

Special thanks to our alumni and other guest speakers: **Dr. Dom Casablanca '85**, **Vincent Cotto '10**, **Ed Gormbley '95**, Fr. Sam Kachuba, **Rowan Kane '08**, **Jay Miolla '94**, Jeanmarie Riccio, P'06, **Austin Ryan '06**, **Nick Rosa '08**, **Tim Ryan '06**, Fr. Tom Simisky, S.J., **Andrew Smriga '06**, **Rob Stevens '02**, Jonathan Stott, S.J., **Matt Terry '82** and **Jack Wallace '06**.



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Young Alumni speak to Seniors

Dan McCarthy '16 (Loyola University MD) and Jack O'Connor '16 (Bowdoin College) spoke about their freshman college year experiences at the annual Senior Send-Off, a special morning program with breakfast and speakers. The program was organized by Mr. John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance and College Advising (center) and the Prep Development Office.



Brian Carey '96 in the classroom

Brian Carey '96 spoke to Mr. Ford's Environmental Science class about managing suburban conservation issues. What goes around, comes around – Brian was a student in Mr. Ford's Biology class when he was a sophomore at Prep. Brian is the current Director of Conservation for the Town of Fairfield.



Alumni Rockin' the Big Tent

Alumni musicians volunteered their time and talent to play at Prep's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame held on June 2 in the giant tent that filled the quad for the special event and the reunion weekend! Special thanks to (from left): **Thom Brennan '07, Joey Homza '07, Matt Fasano '07, Chris Adams '11** and **Billy Ruegger '07**.



L-R: **James B. Terry '11, Brendan C. Terry '12, Colin P. Terry '17, Matthew P. Terry '82** and **Gregory N. Terry '15**

Terrys celebrate 4th son's graduation

On June 4, 2017, **Matt Terry '82** and his wife Martha attended the graduation of their youngest son **Colin '17**. This marked the end of a 10-year era for the Terrys, having sons attend Prep consistently since 2007! Prep for life!

Alumni judge Economics teams

Mr. Altieri's Economics class presented their annual, end-of-year business plans to alumni in the President's Conference Room. The presentations serve as a wonderful opportunity for the students to get real-world feedback from our alumni in as real-world a setting as possible. Lunch was provided by **Marty McCarthy '94** from Fire Engine Pizza in Black Rock. Both students and alumni reported a worthwhile and fun experience!



Left to right: **John Faila '63, Kevin Altieri '00, Anthony Adamcheck '17, Xiaolu Huang '17, William Stuart '17, Michael Brennan '17, Kevin Lydon '17, Nick Perna '60, Robert Morton '06, and Marty McCarthy '94**. Missing from photo but present for the day: **Matt Webber '93**.

Hockey and Mission

Alumni once again came together at Wonderland of Ice on February 18 with dozens more lending support to the Fr. Walter Pelletier, S.J. and Fr. Robert Sproule, S.J. Memorial Scholarship. It was a full day of service, prayer, food, and competitive hockey. The group also were able to watch the Fairfield Prep Varsity Hockey Team play.



Pictured: White L to R 1st row: **Andy Townsend '97, Tory Jacob '97, Rich Chu '97, John Galiani '11, Frank Pinto '77**, 2nd row: **Chris Molyneux '95, Dan O'Neill '95, Liam McCarthy '91, Nick Landis '97, Dave Woodward '91, Will Lomas '09, Dan Diotalevi '05** (black fleece). Red L to R 1st row: **Sean Dennison '05, Andy Cunningham '04**, 2nd row: **Tom Steczkowski '98, Chris Girardi '03, Paul Tropsa '08, Nate Beckles '98, Doug Martin '06, Connor Antisdale '06**. Special thanks to **Dan Diotalevi** who ran the scoreboard. Also, special thanks to **Vazzy's** for sponsoring our social.



Boston Alumni Reception

The Boston Alumni Reception was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Bostonia Public House in the Financial District. Prep alumni from the area gathered to reconnect, reminisce, and network with fellow Prep alums. The event was a huge success reuniting more than 40 Alumni in the Boston Area. Fairfield Prep President Father Tom Simisky, S.J. dazzled the crowd with his engaging and informative "State of Prep" address and his Strategic Vision for Prep's future. The evening was concluded with a Q&A session. Positive feedback and fun was had by all.



Windy City Lunch Break

On a recent trip to Chicago, **Austin Ryan '06**, Prep gift officer, caught up for lunch with alumni for some food and friendship. L to R: **Ryan McMullin '16** (Loyola University Chicago), **Austin Ryan '06**, **Matt Camus '06** (Loyola University Chicago Graduate School) and **John Kirby '16** (DePaul University).



Alumni breakfast in Maine

Prep alumni in Maine gathered for breakfast on March 5. This event was organized by **Bill Harke '94**. From left: Fr. John Fagan, S.J., **Bill Harke '94**, **Terrence Swiger '94**, **Jack McCarthy '08**, **John Zelinski '63**, and **Julio Palencia '16**.

Juwan Crawley '12 is Genie Sub for 'Aladdin'

Juwan Crawley has been cast as the understudy for the role of the Genie in Broadway's "Aladdin." Crawley, 22, has had a plum role in the off-Broadway hit, "Spamilton!" — and was also featured in the cast recording. He was also cast in "Found," an off-Broadway musical that was remounted in Philadelphia with Broadway aspirations.

He was one of four nominees for the prestigious 2016 Clive Barnes Award given to outstanding young artists in theater and dance. Crawley's self-produced CD, "Awakening (Mind)," for which he composed the music and most of the lyrics, was also released last year.

"This past year has been insane," Crawley said a while back when his inaugural year in New York was just beginning. He recalls the day after "Spamilton!" opened, when he woke up and found 120 Facebook notifications pointing him to the *New York Times* review and special praise from theater critic Ben Brantley. "I was crying — Can you tell I'm a very emotional person? — because I'm on the cover on the *New York Times* arts section. I'm crying because Ben Brantley knows who I am. And I'm crying because I'm on a twin mattress on the floor."

Source: showbiz.com



Darrick Sommers '95 Scholarship

The 3rd annual fundraiser for the Darrick Sommers '95 Memorial Scholarship was held at Stonebridge Restaurant in Milford. Pictured L to R are: Andrzej Wieciorkowski, P'20, Zofia Wieciorkowska, P'20, Charles Sommers, P'95, Barbara Sommers, P'95, **Andrzej Wieciorkowski '20** the scholarship's first recipient, **Ryan Evarts '95**, and **Ed Gormbley '95**, member of Prep's Board of Governors.



Ryan Brennan '11 Scholarship

The sun was shining again this year at the annual Corn Hole Tournament in honor of **Ryan Charles Brennan '11**. The fun-filled day takes place at the home of Chris and Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, P'15, '21 on Memorial Day weekend, and it was another successful event! Three fundraisers take place each year to honor Ryan's memory; the Corn Hole Challenge, the Jar on the Bar at Brennan's Shebeen in Black Rock, as well as an annual RCB golf outing hosted by **Mike Brennan '92**. All three of these fundraisers contribute to the Fairfield Prep scholarship established in Ryan's memory - and these events, as well as other direct gifts have raised the scholarship to more than \$285,000. Many thanks to the Brennan family and all of their relatives and friends for their continued generosity!

Parents sustaining Prep's future

An interview with Patrick and Susie Byrne, P'17, McAuliffe Society members

Why Fairfield Prep for Connor?

We wanted a good education but we were looking for something more than the standard studies. We wanted something that fostered good character and reinforced the values we were instilling at home, and so we were drawn to the Jesuit education that focused on the importance of being a Man for Others. We were also impressed by the dedication of the school and faculty to this philosophy, which is so engrained in the community.

How has Connor grown in his Prep experience?

We must say, it's not just Connor, but all the boys we meet from Prep through Connor, conduct themselves quite well. They are self-confident but in a humble way. Their mannerism and behavior show respect for others. Connor has developed into a very hard working, goal minded, disciplined young man. Besides getting an excellent education, Connor displays a high standard of integrity, and sense of community. He has truly become a Man for Others.



Patrick and son Connor Byrne '17

You have included Prep in your estate planning. Why did you decide to do this?

Like many parents, we want to do more, but it's difficult given the high costs of college education, etc. This is a way for us to do more and still meet our other priorities. It's important to help Prep continue its mission and provide an opportunity for a Prep/Jesuit education to as many families as possible that seek it.

Why should parents make the extra financial commitment to give to Prep?

The obvious reason is to support the mission of the school and make sure Prep continues to prosper for the good of all in the community and world. Secondly, it's important that Prep has the financial resources to operate and not rely too heavily on tuition. Not everyone gets the opportunity to get a Prep/Jesuit education. It's a game changer for many who do. My dad, a retired public high school principal, always said a Catholic education was among the best. Personally, I wanted to go to Saint Anthony's on Long Island when I was a kid. Coming from a family of nine kids, my parents couldn't afford to send all of us to Catholic school. By the time it was my turn, they just didn't have the money. He said the cost of tuition became too prohibitive for them at the time and deeply regrets not providing opportunity. Through our commitment we can provide a kid, similar to me, the opportunity to attend.

Anything else you would like to comment on?

We've heard Coach Hellstern say, "Be the best version of yourself." Prep enabled Connor to do just that. Thank you so much Prep, you have been a game changer for our son. God bless Prep and all Prep families.

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Mother/Son Communion Breakfast enjoyed by Moms & Seniors



The annual Senior Mother/Caregiver-Son Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday April 30, with Mass celebrated by Frs. Thomas Simisky, S.J., and Bret Stockdale, S.J., at the Egan Chapel. Mothers received roses from their sons, which were blessed at the celebration. Approximately 145 mothers and senior sons enjoyed a delicious breakfast and camaraderie in the Fairfield Prep Student Life Center following the Mass. Mrs. Elaine Clark was the guest speaker and gave an enlightening speech on the special relationship between mothers and sons. A special thanks to all who helped organize the event including the Co-Chairs Meredith Donahue, P'18, '20 and Michèle Oricoli, P'16, '18 and Eileen Westfahl, P'17 for creating the mother/son slide show.

Bellarmino Guild Fashion Show

Approximately 180 guests enjoyed the Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Bellarmine Guild, which featured the mothers and sons of the Class of 2017. The event was held at the The Patterson Club in Fairfield on March 15. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, shopping with fashion vendors, live runway fashion show and delicious dinner. Special thanks to MC John Hanrahan, Dean of Guidance & College Advising. Also thanks to Kathleen Jackson, Prep Theology teacher, for saying the blessing before dinner.

The chairing committee included: Kim Murphy P'18, Marybeth McGee, P'18, Regina Bobroske, P'19 and Catherine Gedney, P'20. Plus additional thanks to Eileen Westfahl, P'17 who made the mother/son slideshow; and the entire Fashion Show committee for planning and hosting this event.



Young alumni are old friends

Ten of our Class of 2017 graduates have a unique bond. They have been classmates from elementary school through Prep. The friendships they have formed through the years have made them friends for life. From left: **Spencer Vlandis, Phil Vlandis, Patrick Steed, Patrick Harding, John Pacelli** and **Andrew Rothe**. Not pictured: **Brendan Sawyer, Nick Mirabile, Kevin Zentner** and **Dan Finnegan**.



Spring Auction benefits Prep

What an amazing night for Prep! More than 250 people attended the Annual Spring Auction "Building the Hallways to Success" held on May 6 in the Student Life Center. In addition to delicious food, friends and a great performance from the Prep Men's Chorus, we raised \$313,000 to help advance Prep and to support Financial Aid opportunities. Special thanks to our Sponsors, Benefactors, the Committee and all the volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you to everyone in the Prep Community for your generosity!

Additionally, the winning ticket of the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle was pulled at 10:15 PM. The Prep Community thanks Co-Chairmen Beth Kelly, P'13, '16, '18 and Nancy Lyons, P'18, the Auction chairs Eileen Bles, P'15, Mary Ellen Connelly, P'15, '21 and Jane Pompa, P'12, '16, plus the many committee members and volunteers who worked to make this event possible. We also offer special gratitude to all of our generous sponsors and donors (listed at right) who helped to underwrite the evening.



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Keresey family wins \$25,000 Tuition Raffle

Congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth Keresey who won the \$25,000 Tuition Raffle! The winning ticket was pulled at the Spring Auction, held on May 6 in the Student Life Center. Elizabeth and husband Will are parents of **Sam '18**, **Jed '20**, William, Caroline and Amelia. The prize may be used at any K-12 school, college or university in the U.S. or for payment of college loans. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the scholarship fund at Fairfield Prep.

Winner Mrs. Elizabeth Keresey (center) with daughters (front from left) Caroline and Amelia; and (back row from left) Pres. Rev. Tom Simisky, S.J., **Sam '18**, Will Keresey and **Jed '20**.



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